

## Westfield Fire Chief Dan Kelly Dies Of Cancer at 54; Funeral on Saturday

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD—The Westfield community is mourning the loss of Fire Chief Dan Kelly, 54, who passed away from cancer Tuesday morning. He had served as fire chief for 10 years and had been with the department for nearly 35 years.

A Westfielder for most of his life since 1960, the Chief had lived in Summit for three years when he first got married. Prior to being appointed Chief in February 2005, he had served under four chiefs during his tenure as a firefighter.

Chief Kelly was appointed a volun-

teer with the department in the fall of 1978 following his graduation from Westfield High School. During an interview with *The Westfield Leader* in 2005, he credited his father, Dan Kelly, Sr., a volunteer firefighter himself for many years, for his interest in joining the department.

When Chief Kelly was a child, he and his mother were rescued by Westfield firefighters from their apartment above the old *Westfield Leader* building on Elm Street. He said that the fire, which started in *The Leader's* printing presses, was quickly extinguished.

However, firefighters evacuated their apartment as a precaution.



WHAT PRESSURE?...These students listen intently during a fourth-grade spelling bee held January 28 at Westfield High School.

## County OKs Agreement For Child-Seat Program in GW

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COUNTY — The Union County Freeholders approved a two-year agreement Thursday night with the Garwood Rescue Squad for use of the squad's property at 401 Second Avenue for the county's child-seat inspection program.

Freeholder Vice-Chairman Bruce Bergen noted that the program, initiated in 1999 at the county's public safety complex in Westfield, operates Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the county public safety department and funded by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety and AAA New Jersey Automobile Club. Freeholder Bergen said the county has performed almost 50,000 child-seat inspections since the program was started.

Union County Public Safety Director Andrew Moran said AAA Northeast, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, will pick up the \$200 monthly rental fee for use of the

facility. The program had been located at AAA's Springfield facility on Route 22 since 2010, a facility which has been closed.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood asked if county personnel will be on scene when the program is in operation. Mr. Moran said county employees will be present.

In other business, Summit Council President Robert Rubino thanked the board for approving a shared-services agreement with Summit and Calgene for installation of a traffic signal at Calgene's headquarters driveway at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Shunpike Road. He said Calgene is building a new corporate facility in the town which will mean an additional 1,000 jobs. He said Calgene is Summit's largest corporate tenant.

Mike Blackwell, executive director of the First Tee of Raritan Valley, thanked the board for approving the group for another year for use of the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. He said there

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NEW AMBULANCE...Captain Eric Pastore of the Mountainside Rescue Squad unveils a picture of the squad's new ambulance for the Borough Council Tuesday at the governing body's work session.

"The memory of firefighters taking us out of the building stays with me today as if it just happened," Chief Kelly told *The Leader* during the 2005 interview.

Chief Kelly's grandfather served for a brief time as a chief of a volunteer department in the Pittsburgh suburbs before his grandparents moved to New Jersey.

When reached for comment Tuesday afternoon, Mayor Andrew Skibitsky released the following statement:

"Obviously, everyone here is heartbroken...I have had the privilege of working with Chief Dan Kelly for almost 10 years to the day. The words 'consummate professional and career public servant' do not do him justice. Dan was much, much more than that.

"Westfield is Chief Kelly's hometown, and it was obvious to anyone who came in contact with him that he loved the town, he loved working for the town, and he loved the professional fire service. As he went about his day-to-day responsibilities, he strongly believed in, and more importantly, demonstrated, the traditional values of honor, respect, ethics, protocol, dignity and pride. I would like to say he demonstrated these values when he was both on duty and off duty, except that Chief Kelly was never really 'off duty' - he worked tirelessly and was available 24/7, not only to tend to the needs of the town and the fire service, but to offer whatever assistance and professional expertise he could to me, to my colleagues on the Town Council, and to all of his fellow co-workers.

"His dedication to duty was boundless, especially during natural disasters when, as OEM (Office of Emergency Management) coordinator, he worked for 24, 48, 72 hours straight - whatever it took - with the county, state and federal officials to make sure Westfield was served to the maximum extent possible.

"Make no mistake, though he rose through the ranks and earned the title of 'fire chief,' professionally he was first and foremost a firefighter. As such, he vigorously advocated for those under his command and for all those who

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## Squad Unveils Ambulance; Award Nominees Sought

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
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MOUNTAINSIDE — Captain Eric Pastore of the Mountainside Rescue Squad unveiled the squad's new ambulance for officials at Tuesday night's borough council work session meeting. The new ambulance will replace a 1997 model.

It is a 2015 F350 4x4 designed by PL Customs Emergency Vehicles of Manasquan, N.J., Captain Pastore told *The Westfield Leader*. The squad has two ambulances.

In other business, the deadline for nominations for the annual Mabel Young Good Neighbor Award is Saturday, February 28, Recreation Director Frank Masella announced. The award was established in 1982 and is given to someone who has made Mountainside a better place to live, according to the borough's website. Mabel Young was the first recipient. She was a contributing member of the Women's Club, United Way, PTA, Senior Citizens Club, AAUW, Meals on Wheels and many other organizations. She also served as a library volunteer.

The website says that a nominee would be someone who chooses to spend his or her time making a positive impact on his or her street, in his or her neighborhood, or on the entire community. Nominations can be sent to the Mountainside Good Neighbor Committee, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J. 07092, or e-mailed to fmasella@mountainside-nj.com.



PROUD MOMENT...Chief Dan Kelly's wife, Karen, attaches her husband's new badge at his swearing-in ceremony in February of 2005. Chief Kelly passed away Tuesday after a brief illness.

## Garwood Planning Board Okays Fourth Ave. Townhouse Devel.

By BRIAN TRUSDELL  
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GARWOOD — The planning board has unanimously approved the site plan for a nine-townhome development off Fourth Avenue at the end of Walnut Street, essentially clearing the way for construction to begin.

The proposal was given the okay despite a deluge of complaints from residents that outnumbered defenders by a better than four-to-one margin. The project still needs building permits and faces a pending legal challenge.

After handouts were distributed to nearly every home on the north side of town in the week preceding, the Borough Hall meeting room was standing-room only for the January 28 hearing, with more than a dozen people rising to urge the board to reject the plan.

Traffic, size, noise, aesthetics and the appearance of political corruption were among the many reasons given for voting against the proposal. However, Board Attorney Donald Fraser, along with a few members of the board, somewhat sheepishly, pointed out that those issues were discussed and dismissed when the board approved a use variance - and five other waivers - in May for property owners Angela and Sandro Villaraut.

The variance allowed the Villarauts to proceed with their project for the property, which had been previously approved for three single-family homes.

Board member Craig McCarrick, who attended the May meeting as an alternate but was not permitted to vote, indicated the outpouring of interest and input from the public would have been more influential eight months earlier. However, he voted with Vice-Chairwoman Kathleen Villaggio, former Mayor Pat Quattrocchi, Michael Vena, Gene Jannotti and Paul Tarantino to okay the site plan in a 6-0 vote.

Ms. Villaggio, Mr. Vena and Mr. Jannotti voted for the use variance in May.

Robert Scherer, one of two members to vote against the use variance, abstained after once more expressing his displeasure with the project but acknowledged that the site plan, not the variance, was before the board.

Three of the four plaintiffs who

have filed suit in New Jersey Superior Court contesting the May decision, including *Westfield Leader* Publisher Horace Corbin, spoke out against the project.

Board member Bruce Paterson - the lead plaintiff who voted against the variances and recused himself from further discussion on the project - gave the most impassioned critique, speaking for more than 20 minutes.

He claimed the board members were "inattentive" when approving the use variance, charging the Villarauts never proved why they could not conform to the single-family zoning ordinance for the area.

Ileen Cuccaro, a licensed real estate agent who was an alternate board member last year and also is a plaintiff in the lawsuit, read a prepared statement that also harshly criticized the board.

She noted the history of the property, which included mentioning the previous owners who tried a similar proposal but were rejected, leading to the three-house determination. She accused the board of rank unfairness, denying the Hidi family its project but allowing this one. It was a sentiment echoed by Borough Councilman Jim Mathieu, who said a perception existed within the community that the Villarauts were politically connected and that is why their project was approved.

"Rightly or wrongly, that is the view in the community, a cynical view, and

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MUSH!...Mountainside Troop No. 177 competes in the Klondike Derby on Saturday in the Watchung Reservation.

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**COMMUNITY MINDED...** Westfield's Cub Scout Pack 171 and the Wilson PTO organized a toy drive last month, which was a success thanks to the generosity of the community. Volunteers collected two truckloads containing hundreds of gently used toys, which were picked up by 1-800-Got-Junk and delivered by Second Chance Toys to children in New Jersey over the holiday season.

## Westfield BOE Discusses Budget in Executive Session

By DELL SIMEONE  
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WESTFIELD—The board of education, on Tuesday evening, held a short meeting before adjourning to go into executive session to discuss budget matters.

During the meeting the board voted to accept the retirement in June of Reginald Davis, the Tamaques Elementary School head custodian. Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan said Mr. Davis is always positive and happy.

"He has always been willing to go the extra mile. We wish him well," she said.

The board also accepted the resignations of Patrick DiMaio, a Washington Elementary School custodian, and Kimberly Kain, a Lincoln School paraprofessional. Both will retire this week.

The board additionally approved

the military leave of Derrick Nelson, a Westfield High School assistant principal, from Monday, June 1, through Tuesday, June 30. Thereafter, he will continue on unpaid personal leave through Tuesday, August 11, with medical benefits.

The board approved the appointments of the following personnel:

Caroline Egnatuk as a 12-month scale II Westfield High School secretary for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, upon successful completion of her probationary period effective immediately.

Substitute teachers Caitlin Aaneli, Kimberly Kain, Jessica Manson, Alexandra Newton and Tracy Scerra. Coaches for the spring, Rebecca Antonelli, eighth-grade softball, at \$6,703; Kendell Deck, girls' lacrosse varsity assistant, at \$6,948; Nicole Vasallo, girls' lacrosse varsity assistant, at \$6,631, and Timothy Werner, boys' lacrosse varsity assistant, at \$6,631.

The board approved the compensation to secretaries who worked during kindergarten registration.

The budget calendar also was announced Tuesday night. It is as follows:

Thursday, February 26, possible receipt of state aid information; Tuesday, March 3, public meeting with budget presentation and discussion; Tuesday, March 17, public meeting with possible adoption of a tentative budget; Friday, March 20, budget due in Union County executive superintendent's office; Thursday, April 23, legal advertisement of public budget hearing will appear in *The Westfield Leader*; Tuesday, April 28, public hearing on the budget and adoption of the final budget.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the administration building, located at 302 Elm Street.



GAVE IT THEIR ALL... Scouts rest after finishing the Klondike Derby Saturday in the Watchung Reservation.

## Fanwood Council Discusses Projects, Kempshall Fire

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He also recommended reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph in the downtown business district from Third Street to the westerly entrance by Old South Avenue at The Chelsea at Fanwood.

Mr. Bondar also said Police Chief Richard Trigo is looking to have an ordinance that requires no parking on the street during snow events to help with snow removal.

"There is an unintended consequence," Councilman Jack Molenaar said of the request by Chief Trigo. Mr. Molenaar said it could cause more impervious surface as people would pave to allow for two cars to park off street.

Patrolman Anthony Espinosa is leaving the Fanwood Police Department, Councilman Kevin Boris said, and the police department is seeking approval to begin the search and interview process to fill the opening.

Adding stop signs on Shady Lane was broached by Councilman Tom Kranz, who said he is a resident there. He said Shady Lane is a "cut-through" street, and by adding stop signs at intersections it would lessen cars speeding down the road.

Resident Michael Lewis said he was not in favor of the idea. He also inquired about a grant that could pay for sidewalks on Shady Lane. Mr. Molenaar said sidewalks there would be "complicated" because homes are closer to the road, and the road cannot be narrowed.

"The more immediate need is to annoy the pass-through drivers like yourself," Mr. Molenaar said.

After the planning board granted another use variance for a fitness business to occupy space in the South Avenue corridor, Mr. Molenaar said the land use committee is recommending an ordinance to change the use in that area, which currently is light industrial, to one that would include other uses. Mr. Molenaar said the committee would meet with council members to discuss how best to rewrite the ordinance.

In his health report, Mr. Kranz recommended at the next regular council meeting that the council make an announcement for children to get their measles immunizations given the measles epidemic in the country. He did say the health director reported that New Jersey ranks 43 out of 50 states in compliance with youth immunizations.

The Township of Cranford sent a correspondence to Fanwood informing the borough of the township's ordinance opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. Fanwood formally opposed it in December.

"They are still actively engaged with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection)," Mayor Mahr said of Pilgrim Pipeline.

"We have to stay on top of it," Borough Attorney Daniel McCarthy said.

The Union County Utilities Authority gave the borough a check in the amount of \$8,856, which equates to \$3 per ton of solid waste generated, Mayor Mahr said. Last year, the borough received about the same, Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern said.

Mayor Mahr said the council would support the Township of Union's effort to regain parking at the Union train station that has been allotted to Kean University students.

New Jersey American Water sent correspondence regarding a petition to change the levels of the purchased water adjustment clause and purchased wastewater treatment clause. Mayor Mahr said it is a change of 0.6 percent.

Katherine Balch, a Fanwood Memorial Library board member, gave a progress report on the library's strategic plan and library redesign.

In the area of Space and Safe Access, the library board is awaiting the council's response to the board's dynamic redesign proposal to overhaul the library. The proposal, Ms. Balch said, supports the strategic plan goals to be ADA compliant, to have engaging, more accessible ground-floor spaces for young children and their caregivers, flexible areas, collaborative space and efficient and effective space for staff.

In the area of technology, the library's technology infrastructure overhaul is complete. This included a new network and server, which increased the bandwidth by a factor of four. New hardware was installed. The library has transitioned to a Windows environment. The database service was expanded.

In the area of service training, the board is in the process of developing a new evaluation process to be implemented this year.

In the area of Community Awareness, the board has created a communication committee.

Pat Inlarp of the Dhammakaya International Meditation Center of Fanwood spoke to the council about the center and invited the council to come to the center to "reduce all of your stress and gain peace of mind." The center also is involved with the schools and the youth at the YMCA.

"You come every year to pay me a visit to start the New Year off and talk to me about what they are doing in the community and talk about how we can partner," Mayor Mahr said. "I love that you are in the schools."

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are almost 1,000 kids in its certifying programs, which run for 20 weeks, and 49,000 kids in its school programs. Union County is one of six counties in the First Tee program.

"We are very grateful for the partnership with Union County and are thankful that we have the First Tee program here," Mr. Blackwell told the board.

Armando Sanchez, recreational facilities director, said First Tee is one of four youth programs that use Galloping Hill driving range. He said there will be no lost revenue to the county. He said instructors are mostly volunteers with the programs and that PGA professionals from KemperSports, which manages the Galloping Hill and Ash Brook golf courses, also volunteer their time for the instructional programs. He said the county does not lose any revenue from the use of Galloping Hill by the instructional youth programs.

During the public comment section of the meeting, Tina Renna, president of the Union County Watchdog Association, said she sent a letter to County Manager Al Faella about why the county gave raises to 129 employees totaling over \$630,000. "This is in addition to the 2-percent raises you are giving to most employees," Mrs. Renna said. "...I would really like some sort of excuse as to why you handed out these huge raises, 4,000, 6,000, 10,000... Give us a reason as to why you did this." She said some of the employees only worked 35 hours a week, some making \$90,000 annually.

She also said most were politically-connected as they have donated to the freeholders' campaigns.

In response, Mr. Faella said the salary increases "were based on recommendations and evaluations

from department heads and division heads." He said the employees are non-union workers who are also "not covered by binding arbitration."

"At the same time many of these employees also require additional work responsibilities. Also a number of these involved filling vacancies, new positions and filling the spots of individuals who had left at a lower salary" as well as some civil service employees having passed their probationary period, Mr. Faella said.

Freeholder Chairman Mohamed Jalloh said the raises are "inclusive" of the 2-percent cap on salary increases.

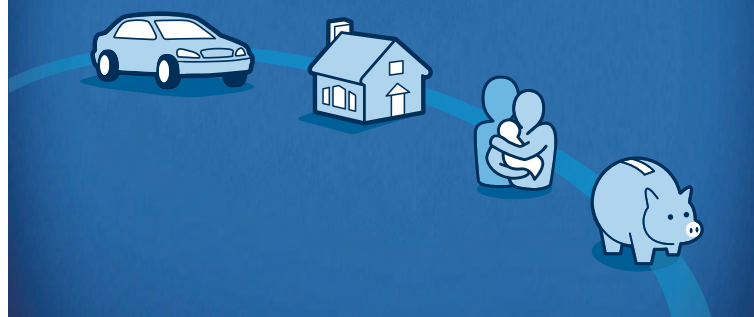
Mr. Rubino said Merck's closing of its facility in Summit and an agreement with the city to reduce Merck's tax burden by an additional 15 percent will mean an increased tax burden for the city, its school system and the county.

"I want you to keep that in mind as we approach the budget," Mr. Rubino told the freeholders. He also said he hoped the "windfall" the county received from the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital for \$26 million could be applied to the county budget this year "to keep it flat." He also asked the freeholders to consider merging the county police into the sheriff's department to save the county money.



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## Chief Kelly

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dedicated themselves to the fire service. The passing of Chief Dan Kelly is a tremendous loss to our community. He will be missed. We will forever be grateful for his nearly 34 years of exceptional service to the Town of Westfield. On behalf of the Town Council and the townspeople he valued serving so much, we offer our collective heartfelt condolences to Chief Kelly's family."

Chief Kelly joined the department as a full-time, paid member in August of 1981. He ascended to lieutenant in August of 1990, captain in November of 1999 and deputy chief in May of 2003.

He had been an investigator with the Union County Fire Investigation Task Force, having first been assigned to the task force in January of 1998. He also had been the chapter chairman of the Westfield/Mountainside American Red Cross. Prior to that, he had been the disaster chairman of the chapter from September 2000 to September 2002. More recently he had served as Westfield's emergency management coordinator.

Andrew Moran, Union County's director of public safety, said in an e-mail that, "Dan Kelly was a true gentleman who will be sorely missed, not only by his family and friends, but by the entire public safety community of Union County."

"I've had the pleasure to work with Dan on several public safety projects during his tenure as Westfield fire chief and the town's emergency management coordinator. Dan served as a county fire mutual aid coordinator and as a member of the county's Fire Advisory Board. Dan was a great leader to his department and deeply committed to ensuring the safety and security of all our residents. My thoughts are with his family during this very difficult time."

In terms of funeral arrangements, visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, tomorrow, Friday, February 6. A Funeral Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. at St. Helen's Church this Saturday, February 7. Interment is private.

Arrangements are being handled by Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.



EVERY GIRL'S DREAM...Lauren McDonough, a fourth grader, of Westfield, took a "ride" on her very own snow pony.



## FW Council Discusses Glenwood, Other Projects, Kempshaw Fire

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## Council Seeks Abolishment Of Recreation Commission

By FRED T. ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — The township council is expected to introduce an ordinance, perhaps at its Tuesday, February 17 meeting, to abolish the township's recreation commission and replace it with a committee that would have less autonomy and result in the recreation director reporting directly to the township manager instead of the commission, as is now the case. Township Manager Al Mirabella told the council at its conference meeting on Tuesday that he prefers that Recreation Director Ray Poerio, like most other municipal department heads, report to him instead of the commission. The manager said he was not seeking to change the goals of the township's recreation programs nor "diminish the opportunities" for residents to participate in the department's programs. Instead, he saw the move as leading to a "more streamlined path of accounting."

The five council members were receptive, with Mayor Kevin Glover saying the move would not "change what we're looking to do for the community." Mr. Mirabella agreed, calling the proposed change a "restructuring."

Deputy Mayor Colleen Gialanella said that "anyone getting a paycheck from the township should report to the manager." The mayor and deputy mayor have expressed concerns in the past about the recreation commission's autonomy and what they perceived as its lack of communication with the governing body. For one, Mayor Glover said, the commission should have consulted with the council last year before it awarded Mr. Poerio, who has been in his position for 14 years, a new three-year contract.



**QUICK ACTION...** The Fanwood Fire Department makes quick work of a house fire at 88 Kempshall Terrace Monday evening. No one was hurt. The initial cause was said to be a power strip that overheated.

Courtesy of Tom Kranz

## SP-F BOE Hears Proposed 2015-2016 Special Ed. Budget

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — At the beginning of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education meeting held last Thursday evening, District Business Administrator Deborah Saridaki gave a brief overview of the special-education portion of the 2015-2016 proposed budget.

According to her report, the total district expense for special education in the upcoming school year

would be \$17,424,061, which is a \$98,747 increase from this year's budget. This she noted was a .63-percent increase.

Thirty-two percent of the entire budget will be spent on tuition while 53 percent of the budget will be spent on additional support for the students, 10 percent is earmarked for transportation services and 5 percent is designated for self-contained classes.

She also noted that out-of-district placement expenditures are down 7.71 percent in the upcoming school year. The budget also outlines transportation services down by \$5,949 from last year.

Multiply-disabled, self-contained classroom expenditures went from \$813,188 to \$700,771, according to Ms. Saridaki's report. In addition, pre-school special-needs classroom expenses went down from \$285,925 to \$254,600.

The additional support for special-education programs showed expenses grow from \$9,080,581 to \$9,795,166 with increases shared between resource programs, one-to-one aides, extended school year and occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and related therapies.

In other business, the board of education unanimously passed Draft B of the 2015-2016 school calendar.

In Draft B, students would not start back to school until Tuesday, September 8, which is after Labor Day, and there would be an extra professional day on Tuesday, June 23. Draft B also lifts the professional day that would be scheduled on Friday, February 12, 2016, in Draft A.

In Draft A, which was first introduced in the beginning of the month, students are scheduled to go back to school on Friday, September 4, 2015, which is the Friday before Labor Day.

It was noted that both drafts were on the website and that Draft B was the choice of most parents who had voted in the district. Last week it was stated that both options were on the website and that parents were encouraged to vote on their preference.

A resolution was unanimously passed designating February Black History Month in the district. The resolution stated that the board recognizes the vital importance of affording all residents of the district

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**PROGRESS...** Katherine Balch, a Fanwood Memorial Library board member, gave a progress report on the library's strategic plan and library redesign at Monday's Borough Council meeting.

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By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
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**FANWOOD** — Custom Training LLC was approved, by a 5-to-0 vote, for a use variance by the planning board last Wednesday to open a personal-fitness training center and scuba-diving theory instruction business at 25 South Avenue.

Michael Ranieri, owner of the business, is leasing a 630-square-foot space in the rear, on the second floor of the property. CKO Kickboxing and a pizza establishment occupy the ground level in front, Borough Engineer Peter Bondar said. The building is zoned for light industrial. CKO Kickboxing was granted a use variance in 2013, the applicant's attorney, Steven Jason, said.

"This certainly fits the things for the corridor," Board Chairman Dale Flowers said. "This is a good use," board member Dennis Sherry added.

Mr. Ranieri has been a personal trainer for 25 years, he said. For the last 13 years he has had his business in Union, and prior to that in Madi-

son. The scuba training at this location would involve teaching the theory of scuba through verbal instruction. The water-training portion, he said, is done at pools at other locations such as YMCAs and at a quarry in Pennsylvania.

Resident and owner of K9 Resorts in Fanwood, Steven Parker, spoke in support of the application. "My brother and I have been a client of the studio for a little over eight years. ... He is an excellent trainer... we have been pleased with his services. As a business owner and now resident of Fanwood, we would think it would be a nice addition to the community," Mr. Parker said.

The business would generally operate weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with some lull periods during the afternoon, Mr. Ranieri said. He provides one-on-one personal fitness training in addition to the scuba theory instruction. There is parking on premises.

In other business, the planning

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Christina M. Hinke for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**HARD AT WORK...** Fanwood Planning Board members review the application of Custom Training LLC, a personal fitness training center and scuba diving theory instruction business for 25 South Avenue. The board approved the application.



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**REDUCE YOUR STRESS...** Pat Inlarp of the Dhammakaya International Meditation Center of Fanwood spoke to the Fanwood Borough Council Monday night about their center and invited the council to come to the center to "reduce all of your stress and gain peace of mind."

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**LOOKING FOR DINNER...** A deer is shown here in a backyard that abuts the Fanwood Nature Center. A couple of deer are laying on pachysandra under a white pine tree. The number of deer coming to the Nature Center has increased over the past several years.

Courtesy of Dean Talcott

## Fanwood Council

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said, "and expand two-hour parking on South and extend it to Terrill Road."

He also recommended reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph in the downtown business district from Third Street to the westerly entrance by Old South Avenue at The Chelsea at Fanwood.

Mr. Bondar also said Police Chief Richard Trigo is looking to have an ordinance that requires no parking on the street during snow events to help with snow removal.

"There is an unintended consequence," Councilman Jack Molenaar said of the request by Chief Trigo. Mr. Molenaar said it could cause more impervious surface as people would pave to allow for two cars to park off street.

Patrolman Anthony Espinosa is leaving the Fanwood Police Department, Councilman Kevin Boris said, and the police department is seeking approval to begin the search and interview process to fill the opening.

Adding stop signs on Shady Lane was broached by Councilman Tom Kranz, who said he is a resident there. He said Shady Lane is a "cut-through" street, and by adding stop signs at intersections it would lessen cars speeding down the road.

Resident Michael Lewis said he was not in favor of the idea. He also inquired about a grant that could pay for sidewalks on Shady Lane. Mr. Molenaar said sidewalks there would be "complicated" because homes are closer to the road, and the road cannot be narrowed.

"The more immediate need is to annoy the pass-through drivers like yourself," Mr. Molenaar said.

After the planning board granted another use variance for a fitness business to occupy space in the South Avenue corridor, Mr. Molenaar said the land use committee is recommending an ordinance to change the use in that area, which currently is light industrial, to one that would include other uses. Mr. Molenaar said the committee would meet with council members to discuss how best to rewrite the ordinance.

In his health report, Mr. Kranz recommended at the next regular council meeting that the council make an announcement for children to get their measles immunizations given the measles epidemic in the country. He did say the health director reported that New Jersey ranks 43 out of 50 states in compliance with youth immunizations.

The Township of Cranford sent a correspondence to Fanwood informing the borough of the township's ordinance opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. Fanwood formally opposed it in December.

"They are still actively engaged with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection)," Mayor Mahr said of Pilgrim Pipeline.

"We have to stay on top of it," Borough Attorney Daniel McCarthy said.

The Union County Utilities Authority gave the borough a check in the amount of \$8,856, which equates to \$3 per ton of solid waste generated, Mayor Mahr said. Last year, the borough received about the same, Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern said.

Mayor Mahr said the council would support the Township of Union's effort to regain parking at the Union train station that has been allotted to Kean University students.

New Jersey American Water sent correspondence regarding a petition to change the levels of the purchased water adjustment clause and purchased wastewater treatment clause. Mayor Mahr said it is a change of 0.6 percent.

Katherine Balch, a Fanwood Me-

morial Library board member, gave a progress report on the library's strategic plan and library redesign.

In the area of Space and Safe Access, the library board is awaiting the council's response to the board's dynamic redesign proposal to overhaul the library. The proposal, Ms. Balch said, supports the strategic plan goals to be ADA compliant, to have engaging, more accessible ground-floor spaces for young children and their caregivers, flexible areas, collaborative space and efficient and effective space for staff.

In the area of technology, the library's technology infrastructure overhaul is complete. This included a new network and server, which increased the bandwidth by a factor of four. New hardware was installed. The library has transitioned to a Windows environment. The database service was expanded.

In the area of service training, the board is in the process of developing a new evaluation process to be implemented this year.

In the area of Community Awareness, the board has created a communication committee.

Pat Inlarp of the Dhamakaya International Meditation Center of Fanwood spoke to the council about the center and invited the council to come to the center to "reduce all of your stress and gain peace of mind." The center also is involved with the schools and the youth at the YMCA.

"You come every year to pay me a visit to start the New Year off and talk to me about what they are doing in the community and talk about how we can partner," Mayor Mahr said. "I love that you are in the schools."

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board approved the resolution for a minor subdivision approved last month at 67 Westfield Road for applicant Konstrukt Enterprises, LLC.

An application by K9 Resorts at 57 South Avenue will be carried to the Wednesday, February 25 board meeting.

The board approved the borough council's resolution that was passed by the council on January 21 to create a rehabilitation zone for property that borders on South and Old South Avenues and properties behind Old South Avenue by the A&P and PSEG right-of-way. The resolution would help to revitalize the area, board member Jack Molenaar said.

"This is an incentive to make something happen," Mr. Flowers said.

At the start of the meeting, the planning board held its annual reorganization meeting. New members Michael Lysicatos and Teresa Keeler, Class IV alternates, were sworn in. They are required to attend the New Jersey Planning Officials school, at the expense of the planning board, Mr. Flowers said.

The board voted in favor of Mr. Flowers remaining as chairman. Matthew Juckes was named vice-chairman. Additionally, the board voted in favor of Robert Renaud remaining as its attorney.

The board retained T&A Associates as board engineer. Board Planner Dave Roberts of Maser Consulting also was retained. Zoning Officer Raymond Sullivan, a borough employee, remains in the position and Pat Hoynes will remain as board secretary. Committee assignments remained unchanged.

The board also approved its 2015 calendar. The next agenda meeting is Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, with a regular meeting set for Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m.

## County OKs Agreement For Child-Seat Program in GW

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written For The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

COUNTY — The Union County Freeholders approved a two-year agreement Thursday night with the Garwood Rescue Squad for use of the squad's property at 401 Second Avenue for the county's child-seat inspection program.

Freeholder Vice-Chairman Bruce Bergen noted that the program, initiated in 1999 at the county's public safety complex in Westfield, operates Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the county public safety department and funded by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety and AAA New Jersey Automobile Club. Freeholder Bergen said the county has performed almost 50,000 child-seat inspections since the program was started.

Union County Public Safety Director Andrew Moran said AAA Northeast, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, will pick up the \$200 monthly rental fee for use of the facility. The program had been located at AAA's Springfield facility on Route 22 since 2010, a facility which has been closed.

Bruce Paterson of Garwood asked if county personnel will be on scene when the program is in operation. Mr. Moran said county employees will be present.

In other business, Summit Council President Robert Rubino thanked the board for approving a shared-services agreement with Summit and Calgene for installation of a traffic signal at Calgene's headquarters driveway at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Shunpike Road. He said Calgene is building a new corporate facility in the town which will mean an additional 1,000 jobs. He said Calgene is Summit's largest corporate tenant.

Mike Blackwell, executive director of the First Tee of Raritan Valley, thanked the board for approving the group for another year for use of the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. He said there are almost 1,000 kids in its certifying programs, which run for 20 weeks, and 49,000 kids in its school programs. Union County is one of six counties in the First Tee program.

"We are very grateful for the partnership with Union County and are thankful that we have the First Tee program here," Mr. Blackwell told the board.

Armando Sanchez, recreational facilities director, said First Tee is one of four youth programs that use Galloping Hill driving range. He said there will be no lost revenue to the county. He said instructors are mostly volunteers with the programs and that PGA professionals from KemperSports, which manages the Galloping Hill and Ash Brook golf courses, also volunteer their time for the instructional programs. He said the county does not lose any revenue from the use of Galloping Hill by the instructional youth programs.

During the public comment section of the meeting, Tina Renna, president of the Union County Watchdog Association, said she sent a letter to County Manager Al Faella about why the county gave raises to 129 employees totaling over \$630,000. "This is in addition to the 2-percent raises you are giving to most employees," Mrs. Renna said. "...I would really like some sort of excuse as to why you handed out these huge raises, 4,000, 6,000, 10,000... Give us a reason as to why you did this." She said some of the

employees only worked 35 hours a week, some making \$90,000 annually.

She also said most were politically-connected as they have donated to the freeholders' campaigns.

In response, Mr. Faella said the salary increases "were based on recommendations and evaluations from department heads and division heads." He said the employees are non-union workers who are also "not covered by binding arbitration."

"At the same time many of these employees also require additional work responsibilities. Also a number of these involved filling vacancies, new positions and filling the spots of individuals who had left at a lower salary" as well as some civil service employees having passed their probationary period, Mr. Faella said.

Freeholder Chairman Mohamed Jalloh said the raises are "inclusive" of the 2-percent cap on salary increases.

Mr. Rubino said Merck's closing of its facility in Summit and an agreement with the city to reduce Merck's tax burden by an additional 15 percent will mean an increased tax burden for the city, its school system and the county.

"I want you to keep that in mind as we approach the budget," Mr. Rubino told the freeholders. He also said he hoped the "windfall" the county received from the sale of Runnells Specialized Hospital for \$26 million could be applied to the county budget this year "to keep it flat." He also asked the freeholders to consider merging the county police into the sheriff's department to save the county money.

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Road pub on Park Avenue, about plans for a five-day St. Patrick's Day festival and the steps that are being taken to ensure that a neighbor's concerns about noise and other matters were addressed. Before Mr. Mortarulo spoke, Guido Pascucci, who lives behind the pub, repeated complaints he has aired in the past about previous Darby Road events that include a large tent erected adjacent to the restaurant, live music and large crowds of patrons.

Mr. Pascucci on Tuesday raised concerns about the noise, the late hours and the amount of garbage disposed. In the past, he said, he has called the police to complain about excessive noise and music after midnight but the response was not to his satisfaction. He claimed this week that the police department is "on Darby Road's side" so they never fully respond to his complaints. His wife, Barbara, also spoke, saying that the planned five-day event — from Friday, March 13 to Tuesday, March 17 — "is really pushing it." She echoed her husband in claiming that the police "have no respect for us."

Mr. Mortarulo said he had already planned to scale back the times that live music would be played in the tent so that it would end well before 10 p.m. and that the volume of a deejay's music, which would run an hour or two later, could be more easily controlled. He also said he had switched the time for trash collection from the pre-dawn hours to a time several hours later. The council at its next meeting will consider issuing Darby Road a special use permit to hold the festival.



**GAVE IT THEIR ALL...** Scouts rest after finishing the Klondike Derby Saturday in the Watchung Reservation.

Brooks Crandall for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times



**PROUD MOMENT...** Westfield Chief Dan Kelly's wife, Karen, attaches her husband's new badge at his swearing-in ceremony in February of 2005. Chief Kelly passed away Tuesday after a brief illness.

## WF Fire Chief Dan Kelly Dies of Cancer at 54

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written For The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD — The Westfield community is mourning the loss of Fire Chief Dan Kelly, 54, who passed away from cancer Tuesday morning. He had served as fire chief for 10 years and had been with the department for nearly 35 years.

A Westfielder for most of his life since 1960, the Chief had lived in Summit for three years when he first got married. Prior to being appointed Chief in February 2005, he had served under four chiefs during his tenure as a firefighter.

Chief Kelly was appointed a volunteer with the department in the fall of 1978 following his graduation from Westfield High School. During an interview with *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* in 2005, he credited his father, Dan Kelly, Sr., a volunteer firefighter himself for many years, for his interest in joining the department.

When Chief Kelly was a child, he and his mother were rescued by Westfield firefighters from their apartment above the old *Westfield Leader* building on Elm Street. He said that the fire, which started in *The Leader's* printing presses, was quickly extinguished.

However, firefighters evacuated their apartment as a precaution.

"The memory of firefighters taking us out of the building stays with me today as if it just happened," Chief Kelly told *The Times* during the 2005 interview.

Chief Kelly's grandfather served for a brief time as a chief of a volunteer department in the Pittsburgh suburbs before his grandparents moved to New Jersey.

When reached for comment Tuesday afternoon, Mayor Andrew Skibitsky released the following statement:

"Obviously, everyone here is heartbroken...I have had the privilege of working with Chief Dan Kelly for almost 10 years to the day. The words 'consummate professional and career public servant' do not do him justice. Dan was much, much more than that."

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the opportunity to study and understand black history, both nationally and with respect to the local communities. The resolution states this is for "the purpose of insuring that the district's citizens — especially young persons — are fully familiar with the entire history of the human experience."

In the Good of the Order portion of the meeting, board member Karen Kulikowski, a dentist, noted that a Children's Dental Clinic was scheduled for Saturday, February 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the School of Health Related Professions at 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. An appointment for the program called "Give Kids a Smile" can be made by calling (908) 889-2410.

The next board of education meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the administration building on Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street in Scotch Plains.



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"Westfield is Chief Kelly's hometown, and it was obvious to anyone who came in contact with him that he loved the town, he loved working for the town, and he loved the professional fire service. As he went about his day-to-day responsibilities, he strongly believed in, and more importantly, demonstrated, the traditional values of honor, respect, ethics, protocol, dignity and pride. I would like to say he demonstrated these values when he was both on duty and off duty, except that Chief Kelly was never really 'off duty' — he worked tirelessly and was available 24/7, not only to tend to the needs of the town and the fire service, but to offer whatever assistance and professional expertise he could to me, to my colleagues on the Town Council, and to all of his fellow co-workers."

"His dedication to duty was boundless, especially during natural disasters when, as OEM (Office of Emergency Management) coordinator, he worked for 24, 48, 72 hours straight — whatever it took — with the county, state and federal officials to make sure Westfield was served to the maximum extent possible."

"Make no mistake, though he rose through the ranks and earned the title of 'fire chief,' professionally he was first and foremost a firefighter. As such, he vigorously advocated for those under his command and for all those who dedicated themselves to the fire service. The passing of Chief Dan Kelly is a tremendous loss to our community. He will be missed. We will forever be grateful for his nearly 34 years of exceptional service to the Town of Westfield. On behalf of the Town Council and the townspeople he valued serving so much, we offer our collective heartfelt condolences to Chief Kelly's family."

Chief Kelly joined the department as a full-time, paid member in August of 1981. He ascended to lieutenant in August of 1990, captain in November of 1999 and deputy chief in May of 2003. He had been an investigator with the Union County Fire Investigation Task Force, having first been assigned to the task force in January of 1998. He also had been the chapter chairman of the Westfield/Mountainside American Red Cross. Prior to that, he had been the disaster chairman of the chapter from September 2000 to September 2002. More recently he had served as Westfield's emergency management coordinator.

Andrew Moran, Union County's director of public safety, said in an e-mail that, "Dan Kelly was a true gentleman who will be sorely missed, not only by his family and friends, but by the entire public safety community of Union County. "I've had the pleasure to work with Dan on several public safety projects during his tenure as Westfield fire chief and the town's emergency management coordinator. Dan served as a county fire mutual aid coordinator and as a member of the county's Fire Advisory Board. Dan was a great leader to his department and deeply committed to ensuring the safety and security of all our residents. My thoughts are with his family during this very difficult time."

In terms of funeral arrangements, visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, tomorrow, Friday, February 6. A Funeral Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. at St. Helen's Church this Saturday, February 7. Interment is private.

Arrangements are being handled by Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.



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## Lance: Human Trafficking Is Modern Day Slavery

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) has hailed U.S. House passage of numerous anti-human trafficking measures designed to eradicate the practice. The measures would expand both nation and international efforts to combat human trafficking and provide law enforcement and human services personnel the tools, resources and training they need to prevent trafficking and to better support its victims.

"Human trafficking is modern day slavery. This is not a problem a world away, but a crisis that tragically affects young children around the globe including here in the United States. Survivors and those who are enslaved in this horrific industry await the leadership of the United States to combat this disgusting practice," Mr. Lance said. "I urge the U.S. Senate to follow the lead of the House and pass these bipartisan measures into law so law enforcement has the tools and resources they need and victims have the support they deserve. Time is of the essence. These measures must become law immediately."

An estimated 300,000 children are at risk of being trafficked every year. The anti-human trafficking effort gained momentum last year after the extremist group Boko Haram abducted more than 200 Nigerian school

girls and sparked international outrage. Many of last week's measures previously passed the House in 2004, but were not considered in the U.S. Senate.

"It is time to enact real reform and ensure that we help those victims in need and end the practice of human trafficking," Mr. Lance concluded.

Measures passed by the House of Representatives last week include:

H.R. 514 - Human Trafficking Prioritization Act; H.R. 515 - International Megan's Law to Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking; H.R. 357 - Human Trafficking Prevention Act; H.R. 468 - Enhancing Services for Runaway and Homeless Victims for Youth Trafficking Act of 2015; H.R. 469 - Strengthening Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act of 2015; H.R. 246 - To improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking; H.R. 398 - Trafficking Awareness Training for Health Care Act of 2015; H.R. 460 - Human Trafficking Detection Act of 2015; H.R. 350 - Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act of 2015; H.R. 159 - Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2015; H.R. 181 - Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, and H.R. 285 - Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act of 2015.

## First Lady Mrs. Christie Launches Third Annual Spirit Of A Hero Scholarship

TRENTON - From anti-bullying programs and initiatives for the homeless to redistributing instruments to students in need, New Jersey's youth are making significant contributions that are making a real difference in their local communities. Recognizing this commitment to serving others, First Lady Mary Pat Christie has announced the third annual Spirit of a Hero Scholarship for students graduating from high school.

The \$5,000 scholarships, which emanate from the Heart of a Hero program for military veterans, continues the Christie Administration's commitment to assist New Jersey students pursue post-secondary education opportunities.

"Each year, I am continually inspired by the spirit and commitment of our young people," Mrs. Christie said. "In two years, we've received more than 1,500 applications from so many deserving high school seniors who are doing good work to help improve the lives of others. With the Spirit of a Hero Scholarship program, we want to recognize and honor these good deeds while helping these students to achieve their career goals."

Last year, 22 students from throughout the Garden State received \$110,000 in scholarship funding from the Spirit of a Hero program.

To be considered for the scholarship, candidates must meet several

criteria, including a demonstrated commitment to volunteerism and community contribution; be a New Jersey resident and U.S. Citizen; submission of a high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from a current teacher or advisor; be in good academic standing with their secondary school and enroll as a student at an accredited college/university or a vocational training school in the 2015-2016 school year (fall or spring semester).

Application forms are available online at the New Jersey Heroes website by clicking on [newjerseyheroes.org/index/2015-spirit-of-a-hero-scholarship-application-form/](http://newjerseyheroes.org/index/2015-spirit-of-a-hero-scholarship-application-form/). The application deadline is Friday, March 20. Applicants must fully complete the form by no later than 5 p.m. on March 20 or submit an application via U.S. Mail postmarked no later than March 20 and mailed to NJ Heroes, P.O. Box 95, Mendham, N.J. 07945-0095.

The Spirit of a Hero Scholarship is only to be used for post-secondary tuition, fees, or books. Scholarship checks are made payable to the university of the recipient. The New Jersey Heroes Scholarship Selection Committee will review and evaluate all scholarship applications. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified in May.

To nominate a hero, go to [newjerseyheroes.org](http://newjerseyheroes.org) and follow the application instructions.



**FORTY-YEAR MEMBER...** The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) recently recognized John Eberle of Weather Shield for being a member of the Chamber for the past 40 years. Pictured, from left to right, are: GWACC Board members Jerry Sullivan and Tim York, Mr. Eberle, GWACC Chairman Chris Devine and Board member Maria Fuentes.

## Weather Shield Recognized For 40 Yrs. With Chamber

WESTFIELD — In recognition of his continued support for more than 40 years, The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has applauded John Eberle of Weather Shield. His company has been a continuous member of the Chamber since the store opened at 613 South Avenue in Westfield in 1966.

Supplying the area with custom made vinyl replacement windows, storm doors and windows, all of which are made to order right here in North Jersey. Mr. Eberle has built a reputation for customer service in a mostly referral-based industry.

After attending Montclair State University, while teaching biology and coaching football at Union High School, Mr. Eberle's uncle, Bob Parsells, convinced him to join and learn the business in 1971, and later passed the shop onto his nephew in 1977 and he never looked back.

"We are so grateful to all of the outstanding customers we have had over the years," Mr. Eberle stated, and he said he is looking forward to a continued success at his Westfield store front. "The key to our business is to offer great quality, price and service."

"We have great pride in our reputa-

tion and will do whatever it takes to please our customers," Mr. Eberle said.

Mr. Eberle, the son of a World War II prisoner of war, lives in Martinsville, N.J., with his wife, Linda, of 43 years.

"We look forward to John's continued participation in the Chamber and are so grateful for his past support, and wish him all the best and the further success of Weather Shield," the Chamber said in its release.

Weather Shield can be seen on the web at [TinyURL.com/WestfieldWindows](http://TinyURL.com/WestfieldWindows).

## Assembly Advances Muñoz Bill to Protect Stalking Victims

TRENTON - To protect stalking victims, repeat offenders face increased jail time under legislation Assemblywoman Nancy F. Muñoz (R-21st, Summit) has sponsored. The bill, A-3841, has received General Assembly approval.

"Restraining orders often aren't enough of a deterrent for stalkers. Regardless of their motivation, the goal is the same - to instill constant fear in their victims," Asw. Muñoz said. "They are also at an increased risk of being attacked or killed. In addition to the threat of physical harm, the psychological trauma is devastating. Repeat offenders continue to harass their victim with terrifying consequences. These criminals will no longer receive a slap on the wrist. Instead, they're going to face several years in prison."

The measure would increase prison time and fines for persons convicted of subsequent stalking offenses. Under current law, repeat offenders face up to 18 months in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Under Asw. Muñoz' bill, such an offense would be upgraded from a fourth-degree to a third-degree degree, which carries a three-to-five-year prison term and a fine up to \$15,000.

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## UCC Pres. McMenamin Named Grand Marshal of St. Patrick's Day Parade

CRANFORD — The 2015 Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee has announced that Union County College President Margaret M. McMenamin of Springfield has been named grand marshal of the 19th annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Ms. McMenamin has been involved with the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade for many years. She is also active in several education and community organizations.

"I am deeply grateful to have been selected for this great honor as grand marshal for Union County's St. Patrick's Day Parade," Ms. McMenamin said. "I am proud of my Irish heritage and deeply respect the responsibilities associated with the title conferred upon me as grand marshal."

Ms. McMenamin traces her Irish roots to the farmlands of Counties Donegal, Mayo and Sligo in Ireland.

"We are honored to have an individual of the caliber and integrity of Dr. McMenamin as our grand marshal," Parade General Chairman Tony Brennan said. "We are proud to have her lead us

in the 19th annual parade." The parade-day march down Morris Avenue will be a homecoming for the McMenamin family and for Union County College.

"We'll have more than a hundred UCC students joining us, as they do every year," Ms. McMenamin said. "We'll also have a dozen of my college colleagues joining me as well as many members of the McMenamin clan, including my 97-year-old mother Elizabeth."

Ms. McMenamin will be officially installed as grand marshal this Saturday, February 7 at 2:30 p.m. during the parade committee's annual Investiture Mass at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church located at 541 Washington Avenue in Kenilworth.

A reception for the grand marshal will follow at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, located at 33 South 21st Street. The parade will step off at 1 p.m. sharp on Saturday, March 14, on Morris Avenue in Union.

For more information about the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, please visit [www.unioncountypatricksdayparade.com](http://www.unioncountypatricksdayparade.com).



Margaret McMenamin

## Vicinage Seeking Volunteers For Guardianship Monitoring

COUNTY — Volunteers in Union County are needed to help ensure that incapacitated adults under court-authorized guardianships are treated with dignity and respect. Volunteers for the Judiciary's Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) are vital to achieving both court oversight and protection of incapacitated adults, while also assisting guardians in their sometimes difficult role.

New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart Rabner announced the program in January 2013, saying, "We need a host of volunteers to help ensure that individuals who cannot take care of themselves are not taken advantage of by others. Please step forward to help us achieve that noble aim."

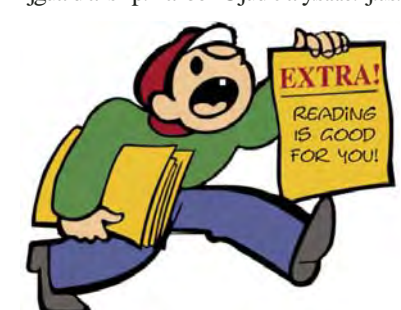
Volunteers will spend six to 12 hours a month working in the county surrogate's office during business hours. Volunteers will help establish a statewide guardianship system and review documents from guardians regarding the physical and/or financial well-being of the adult deemed incapacitated by the court.

All volunteers must be comfortable using computers and should have some experience and/or interest in reading and understanding legal and/or financial documents. Individuals who are able to focus and capture pertinent details of filings and integrate these into the court software; or

people with a background or experience in accounting, budgeting, finance, or other related areas are encouraged to apply. Training is provided for all volunteers.

All GMP volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, and must agree to comply with the code of conduct for judiciary volunteers. They are asked to commit to serve for at least one year. Candidates will be interviewed for details about their experience and background. Selected candidates will be fingerprinted and must satisfactorily pass a criminal history background check. Interested candidates can access the volunteer application at [www.njcourts.com/guardianship](http://www.njcourts.com/guardianship). The completed application should be submitted to the address listed for the appropriate county [www.njcourts.com/volunteer](http://www.njcourts.com/volunteer).

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## Jaruzelski Wins National Business Editors Award

WESTFIELD—Barry Jaruzelski, a senior partner of Strategy&’s, formerly known as Booz and Company and now part of the PwC global network, has received the 2014 National Gold Award for Original Research by the American Society of Business Publication Editors, or “Azbee,” for his annual Global Innovation 1000 study.

“We’re very proud of the award and its acknowledgment of the study’s value. It’s wonderful to be recognized for the work we’ve done in this arena,” said Mr. Jaruzelski, who is also the global leader of Strategy&’s Engineered Products and Services practice.



Barry Jaruzelski

Published in the Winter issue of Strategy+Business Magazine, “The Global Innovation 1000: Navigating the Digital Future” examines research and development investment among the world’s 1,000 largest public corporate R&D spenders. Now in its 10th year, the study was created and is still led by Mr. Jaruzelski, a long-time Westfield resident and senior partner in the firm’s Florham Park

Mr. Jaruzelski presented the cumulative findings from the Innovation 1000 study to the leadership of the United States Army at a symposium of generals and senior defense department civilians at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., earlier this month. This coming March he will be guest lecturer on the drivers of innovation success at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in Philadelphia.

## Weinberg, Kean, Sweeney Resolution Condemns Anti-Semitism, Anti-Jew Hatred

TRENTON—A resolution sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg (D-37th, Teaneck), Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21st, Westfield) and Senate President Steve Sweeney (D-3rd, Gloucester) that condemns anti-Semitism and rejects attempts to justify anti-Jewish hatred or violent attacks as acceptable expressions of disapproval over political events in the Middle East or elsewhere, has been approved by a state Senate committee.

The resolution, SCR-154, calls for education, unity and vigilance, and is being heard by the committee as the world marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp, where 1.1 million people, mostly Jews, were killed between 1940 and 1945. In April 2014, the United States Department of State released the International Religious Freedom Report and noted, “Throughout Europe, the historical stain of anti-Semitism continued to be a fact of life, leading many individuals who are Jewish to conceal their religious identity.”

Anti-Semitic acts committed and recorded in 2014 around the world include incidents of murder at Jewish sites, violent attacks and death threats against Jews, as well as gun violence, arson, graffiti, anti-Semitic cartoons, and other property desecration at Jewish cemeteries, places of worship, and communal activity.

“Seventy years after the liberation of Auschwitz, we continue to see increasing incidents and expressions of anti-Semitism throughout the world. From the massacre of 12 people at the Charlie Hebdo magazine in Paris, to the killing of four people at a kosher market, we have seen numerous tragedies marked by hate and violence. With this resolution, we are coming together to urge government leaders around the world to stand up and condemn the hateful acts that continue to take place,” Senator Weinberg said. “We are also emphasizing the need for expanded education to counter prejudice and intolerance, and increased vigilance by our citizens to prevent acts of violence fueled by hate, bigotry and ignorance.”

“With the rise of anti-Semitism, it is imperative we solidify a united front across political party lines and geographic borders that any acts of hatred and threats against Judaism will not be tolerated,” Sen. Kean said. “The sponsors of this legislation and I are proud to set a strong tone for New Jersey and look forward to working with leaders in other states and nations to make sure we are helping to protect and empower victims of this religious persecution.”

“Anti-Semitism is a stain on humanity. It is a deplorable expression of hatred and bigotry that can not be ignored and should not be tolerated,” Senator Sweeney said. “It was 70 years ago...that the horrors of the Holocaust were exposed to the world with the liberation of Auschwitz, but it was only earlier [last] month that Jews were targeted for death by terrorists in Paris. We have to be vigilant and united in condemning anti-Semitism in all its forms and do all we can to stamp out its acts of violence and prejudice.”

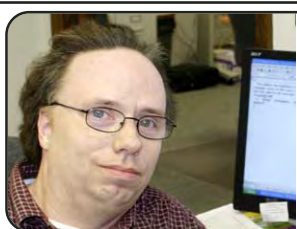
The measure applauds the United States and foreign leaders who have condemned anti-Semitic acts and calls on those who have yet to take firm action against anti-Semitism in their countries to do so. It calls for expanded Holocaust education programs that increase awareness, counter prejudice, and enhance efforts to teach the universal lessons of the Holocaust, genocide, intolerance and discrimination. Finally, it calls upon the citizens of New Jersey and the state’s government entities to continue to be vigilant about efforts to prevent and report acts of anti-Semitism, hate crimes and other violations of human rights and religious freedom.

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee approved the resolution by a vote of 5-to-0. It next heads to the full Senate.

### Study to Improve Coastal Resiliency Released

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6th) has announced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released a report detailing the results of a two-year study to address storm and flood risk to vulnerable populations, property, ecosystems, and infrastructure in areas severely affected by Superstorm Sandy. The North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study is designed to help the federal government, states, and local communities better understand changing flood risks associated with climate change and to provide tools to help those communities better prepare for future storms. Federal funding for this study was provided by the Sandy aid package.

Through the study, the Army Corps of Engineers has developed a nine-step “Coastal Storm Risk Management Framework,” which will help officials identify and reduce risks in their town or state and can be customized for different coastal areas.



## Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

### Christie on Trade Mission To United Kingdom

Governor Chris Christie took a three-day state trade mission to the United Kingdom this week where he met with Prime Minister David Cameron. The trip was seen as both boosting UK business in New Jersey as well focusing attention on foreign affairs for his anticipated run at the White House.

The Governor was to visit London and Cambridge. Mr. Christie led trade missions to Mexico in September and Canada in December, philly.com reported.

Gov. Christie has announced formation of a political action committee for a possible 2016 run for the Presidency. The governor is also to attend political events in Iowa and New Hampshire later this month, philly.com reported.

**Litell McHose Named Franklin Admin, to Resign From Assembly**  
Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose (R-24th, Sparta) is expected to resign her Assembly seat after being hired January 1st as Franklin business administrator. The daughter of the late state Senator Robert Littell has served in the Legislature since 2003.

According to the *New Jersey Herald*, Ms. McHose will be paid \$98,000 in 2015 with 2 percent raises in 2016 and 2017.

### Silver Resigns As NY Assembly Speaker

Sheldon Silver resigned his post as Assembly speaker 11:59 p.m. Monday, CBS Channel 2 reported. Mr. Silver has held the job since 1994. He is not stepping down, however, from his Assembly seat.

The *New York Post* reported that Mr. Silver was arrested earlier this month for allegedly taking nearly \$4 million in bribes and kickbacks dating back to at least 2000.

### Kean Sponsors Bill to Study Electronic Licenses

Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21st, Westfield) has introduced legislation to require the state Motor Vehicle Commission to study and make recommendations about implementing electronic driver’s licenses and mobile applications.

“Whenever feasible we must bring public services directly to where the people are, whether that’s social media or mobile phones,” Sen. Kean said. “An e-driver’s license will be more convenient for the vast majority of residents, while making one of the most-used government services more efficient and less costly.”

Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Nicholas Sacco (D-32nd, North Bergen) has signed on as co-prime sponsor of the legislation.

### Menendez, Booker, Pallone Oppose Off-Shore Drilling

U.S. Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker (both D-N.J.), and Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6th) has sent a letter to President Barack Obama calling on his administration to abandon plans to open parts of the Atlantic Ocean to offshore oil and gas drilling. The federal lawmakers

were joined on a conference call by representatives from the New Jersey League of Municipalities and a bipartisan coalition of mayors to discuss the threats offshore drilling poses to the economic and environmental health of the Jersey Shore.

“The plan’s proposal for oil production in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia would put New Jersey’s economy and shore communities at significant risk,” wrote Sens. Menendez and Booker and Rep. Pallone. “We strongly urge you to consider removing all Atlantic planning areas prior to the issuance of the next draft of the Five-Year Plan.”

The Jersey Shore is home to over \$700 billion in coastal properties and a tourism industry that generates \$38 billion a year and directly supports almost half a million direct and indirect jobs, or nearly 10 percent of the state’s entire workforce. New Jersey’s commercial fishing industry generates over \$7.9 billion annually and supports over 50,000 jobs.

### Bramnick: Dems Want to Raise Taxes While Top Earners Flee NJ

Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick (R-21st, Westfield) said a report by Phoenix Marketing International that New Jersey lost roughly 10,000 millionaire households is further proof that Trenton Democrat proposals to increase taxes do not work.

“For years, Republicans have said that raising taxes hurts job creation and our economy. [This] report supports that claim. The out-migration began in 2004 when the first ‘millionaire’s tax’ was passed by Trenton Democrats. New Jerseyans are voting with their feet and their wallets by relocating to places where taxes are lower. This news confirms that we must reverse course and find solutions that keep wealth and jobs in our state,” Mr. Bramnick said.

### Lance Statement on President’s Budget

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) has released the following statement on President Barack Obama’s \$4-trillion Fiscal Year 2016 budget:

“The President’s budget proposal does nothing to tackle our record \$18-trillion national debt that is impeding our economy’s ability to grow. The budget doesn’t balance – ever, ignoring budget caps this President signed into law and making commitments for programs and expenditures with no plan on how to pay for them.”

“I want to work with the President to expand opportunity for all Americans, and that begins with more jobs, less taxation, boosting industries to compete abroad and harnessing American-made energy – all actions that will result in smaller national deficits. The House of Representatives will, again, send the President a budget that balances. The President should work with Congress to put our nation on a glide path back to fiscal health.”

## Martial Arts Instructor Admits to Assault of Teen

SPRINGFIELD — An instructor who formerly worked at a Springfield martial arts academy has admitted to sexually assaulting a 13-year-old enrollee there, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park has announced.

Appearing before state Superior Court Judge William Daniel, George Mendoza-Valentino, 28, of Saddle Brook pleaded guilty last Thursday to a charge of second-degree sexual assault.

Mendoza-Valentino had been arrested in November 2014 following a joint investigation by the Union County Prosecutor’s Office Special Victims Unit and the Springfield Police Department, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor David Hummel, who prosecuted the case.

That investigation revealed that Mendoza-Valentino met the victim when she enrolled at the Springfield A.T.A. Martial Arts Academy branch and sexually assaulted her there multiple times during the weeks leading up to his arrest, Mr. Hummel said.

The investigation also revealed that Mendoza-Valentino sent the victim sexually-explicit images and videos and requested that she do the same.

Mendoza-Valentino has remained lodged in Union County jail in Elizabeth on \$125,000 bail since his arrest. Sentencing in the case has been scheduled for Friday, February 20, at which time he is expected to receive a term of up to 10 years in state prison and subsequently remain under parole supervision for life as a registered sex offender under Megan’s Law.

## Legislators Support Lance’s Request for Pipeline Hearing

TRENTON – State and local officials in Hunterdon County expressed their strong support for Rep. Leonard Lance’s (R-7th) request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hold a public hearing in the county regarding the proposed PennEast Natural Gas Pipeline.

State Republican Senators Kip Bateman and Mike Doherty, Assembly Republicans John DiMaio, Erik Peterson, Donna Simon and Jack Ciattarelli, were joined by county freeholders and mayors asking FERC to add Hunterdon County to the list of sites where a public discussion will take place.

Last week, FERC announced it will

hold five public meetings on the impact of the 100-mile pipeline which will start in Luzerne County, Pa. and extend through Holland, Alexandria, Kingwood, Delaware and West Amwell townships. The only meeting in New Jersey is scheduled at the College of New Jersey in Mercer County.

Officials agreed with Mr. Lance that county residents should have the opportunity to voice their concerns about the pipeline’s impact on the environment and quality of life at a sixth meeting in the county. The approval process is expected to take several years with PennEast indicating it expects construction to begin in late 2017.

## County Clerk to Present Seminar for Notaries

SCOTCH PLAINS – Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will host an educational seminar open to all notaries public on Friday, March 20, together with Union County Freeholder Chairman Mohamed Jalloh, a partner at the law firm of Kantor Jalloh, LLC, and an adjunct professor at Kean University.

The seminar will be presented on Friday, March 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the John H. Stampler Police Academy, located at 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, in the glass classroom, 2nd floor.

To register for this seminar, contact the Union County Clerk’s Office at (908) 527-4787. The course is limited to 50 attendees and the registration fee of \$5 is required in advance.

The notary public course is a new service being offered by the Office of the Union County Clerk. It is designed to instruct notaries public on how to perform their duties with confidence and diligence. Notaries will

learn about the new online application process and the legal aspects of performing the duties of a notary public in an effort to avoid liability issues.

The Union County Clerk’s Office administers oaths of office to commissioned notaries at locations in Westfield and Elizabeth. The Elizabeth office, located at 2 Broad Street, Room 114, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Westfield Annex Office, located in the Colleen Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East, in Westfield, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**WHS Helping Hands Thanks You For Your Generosity!**

On behalf of the Westfield High School Helping Hands (WHS) Fund, we wish to thank the Westfield High School Community Service Club (CSC) and members of WHS community for their support of our recent gift card collection and A Day Without Campaign.

At Thanksgiving, the WSHH was granted \$555 in donated gift cards from local establishments such as ShopRite, Target, Kohl's and Toys R Us. The WSHH Board wishes to personally thank the CSC gift card drive coordinators, WHS students Claire Magnanini and Erin Malley, for their efforts in this campaign.

In mid-January, A Day Without Campaign, in its third year at WHS, was able to raise \$1,900 in funds for WSHH. The WSHH Board wishes to personally thank WHS student Ethan Otis for coordinating the gift card drive. Additionally, we wish to thank Eric Herber, president of the CSC Club, and vice-presidents Julia Simpson and Grace Pfeifer for their support of campaigns benefiting WSHH. We also wish to thank our board member, Warren Hynes, for his selfless guidance of the CSC. Mr. Hynes is a positive guiding force for the members of CSC.


Thank you to the Westfield students, faculty, staff and the WHS community who supported these fundraisers. Your donations directly impact the lives of families within the Westfield High School community.

The Westfield Foundation, a local non-profit, holds all of the WSHH funds. We request that donation checks should be made payable to 'Westfield Foundation' with the memo to read, "WHS 2015 appeal" and mailed directly to the Foundation. The mailing address is: The Westfield Foundation, P.O. Box 2295, Westfield, N.J. 07091. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail us at whshfund@gmail.com.

"One person can make a difference, and every person should try." ~ Thomas E. Cronin. Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of families within the WHS community.

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**Diction Deception**

Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions - only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

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**All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.**

**Answers to last week's arcane words.**

1. Cuirass - A breastplate of leather
2. Tawie - Tame
3. Renidification - The act of building another nest
4. Temiak - An Eskimo coat made of bird skins

**YIRD**

1. Vast; unending
2. A large vat to hold cloth for bleaching
3. Strong beer or ale
4. Scottish for earth

**LAURIN**

1. A fatty, acid, crystalline substance contained in the berries of the laurel
2. A harem slave
3. A concealed dungeon with a trap door at the top
4. Shiny; glossy; beaming with light

**THESMOTHETE**

1. An interpreter; translator
2. A pretender to learning; a quack
3. A legislator or lawgiver
4. A clairvoyant

**PROTERANDRY**

1. Renewal or restoration
2. The maturation of the male organs of reproduction in advance of the female organs
3. Abundant; plentiful
4. An early stage or beginning

**See more letters on page 5**

# IRS Shouldn't Use Budget Cuts To Reduce Services to Taxpayers

If you are expecting a refund in your federal taxes this year, you should anticipate a delay in getting that check as IRS Commissioner John Koskinen expects 2015 to be a "miserable" tax filing season. The IRS is warning Americans that budget cuts at the agency will result in slower processing of refunds. In addition, news reports indicate that there will be less agents to answer questions from the estimated one million people who call the IRS during tax season with questions.

Many taxpayers will likely never get to speak to an IRS agent at all while others who do get through face a waiting period of 30 minutes or longer to speak to someone live. The agency is also planning a short-term shutdown of the agency to save money.

Fox News reported that Congress cut the IRS budget by \$346 million for the budget year that ends in September 2015. According to the report, the \$10.9-billion budget is \$1.2 billion less than the agency received in 2010.

Some blame the service cuts on a 17-percent cut House Republicans put through the last few years. Part of the cuts were retribution for the IRS and its former Commissioner, Lois Lerner, targeting conservative groups such as the Tea Party. National Taxpayer Advocate Nina Olson said IRS employee training has been reduced by 83 percent with its staff cut by 12,000, with another 3,000 to 4,000 jobs expected to be slashed this year.

Commissioner Koskinen told Fox that GOP efforts to stop implementation of ObamaCare won't work as the IRS will enforce the law while cutting back on taxpayer services and enforcement.

Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th), in commenting on the IRS service cutbacks, responded: "For far too long the IRS has lacked administrative oversight and wasted our tax dollars on politically motivated audits, agency perks and excessive bonuses. In response, Congress has enacted funding cuts and strict guidelines to force the IRS to operate more effectively and efficiently. Instead the agency has chosen to pass the buck to taxpayers with cuts in customer service. It's wrong and the IRS leadership should reverse its decision immediately."

When the IRS scandal of the agency going after conservative groups came out, U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Tex) called for the abolition of the agency and to replace it with a flat tax as the agency has become too bureaucratic. We believe Congress should

hold hearings on his proposal and any other ideas from others on how to either eliminate the IRS or certainly make income taxes a much simpler process. The IRS, in our view, needs to treat everyone fairly, not target segments of our population for political gain.

The IRS has had too much power for decades and needs to have its staff available to the public. If refunds go out a little later, that really is not a big deal. But Americans should be able to contact the IRS when needed. If not, then perhaps more should be done at the local level. Our libraries and community centers already have people available to help taxpayers complete their taxes. These folks are usually associated with the AARP. Maybe this group or others could offer a phone network to answer questions the IRS was receiving and at no charge.

If the IRS needs to cut back, they should stop their own wasteful spending, such as the \$49 million agency officials spent on 225 conferences between 2010 and 2012. Perhaps reducing the number of audits the IRS conducts would be another good idea. Or Congress could act to eliminate the IRS altogether.

In 1872, after the Civil war, lawmakers let the temporary income tax expire. In 1913, the ratification of the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution brought back the IRS: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

Also in 1913, the first Form 1040 appeared after Congress levied a 1 percent tax on net personal incomes above \$3,000 with a 6 percent surtax on incomes of more than \$500,000. In 1918, during World War I, the top rate of the income tax rose to 77 percent to help finance the war effort. It dropped sharply in the post-war years, down to 24 percent in 1929, and rose again during the Depression. During World War II, Congress introduced payroll withholding and quarterly tax payments.

According to an inspector general's report in 2013, identity theft in the United States is blamed for \$4 billion worth of fraudulent 2012 tax refunds by the IRS. Along with that, federal government spending created \$18 trillion in debt. In our opinion, the tax system is broken and abused. The IRS is a big part of this crippled system.

# Garwood Planning Board Blunders, This is Not North or South Ave.

*Editor's Note: The following statement was read at Wednesday's Garwood Planning Board meeting concerning the application for nine townhomes on Fourth Avenue.*

For 20 years the Hidi Family and executors of their estate have been trying to sell this property, and for 20 years have been denied by the Planning Board. Everything had been presented from single-family homes to townhouses. The family had incurred upward of almost \$700,000 for legal fees and every kind of study known to man. In that time frame two siblings have passed away, and still they kept trying. About 10 years ago there was an application by another developer for 16 townhomes, now mind you this was a greater number than approved for this applicant, and that is what the Planning Board stated that the density was too great, the only omission made is that this was for the Hidi property as well as the one next door at 490 Fourth Avenue. Nearly double the property size.

To make a long story short, that developer sued the town. As determined in court, "The town prevailed in that lawsuit, as the stated reason for them denying that applicant was this is a single-family residential zone and townhomes did not belong there" Fast forward to 2011. The Hidi family at the end of their rope, out of resources, anxious to settle the estate, once again sought relief to build anything allowed. At long last the Planning Board approved three single-family homes to be perfect for that property.

The description even stated the town has approved three homes to be built. At the first part of this application I asked multiple times, "What happened to the three homes that were approved? Other people asked the same question. It was never answered."

This application sought multiple bulk variances including a use variance. A use variance is the hardest variance for a town to approve, as you must prove undue hardship in seeking this relief and proving that you cannot build what the zoning permits.

As this was already approved for three homes and meets the zoning requirements in a single-family residential zone, the use variance should not have been approved. But in one night the Planning Board approved all variances. Even going so far as to extend the meeting to allow this to be voted on in one night.

As is also customary and done in every other application, the town's engineer is supposed to submit a review

letter, of which he submitted nothing. One of the Planning Board members gave a yes vote because they liked the material the builder was using. This is certainly not the proper use variance vote as material being used is irrelevant.

Another board member stated that they were not aware of the history of this property.

Even though this is the second part of the application, and all the statements I make are after the fact, I wanted the folks to know that this property has a very long history. And going forward will set precedence over the rest of the neighborhood. This is not North and South Avenue - it is 4th Avenue, a single-family residential zone.

Going forward there are more parcels of property along that part of fourth that also have very deep lots. What is to stop more homeowners from combining their property and selling to another developer and putting more townhomes in this neighborhood.

There is nothing to stop it as the town has already set the precedence for next time. What would be the rational for turning that down?

The township over the last 10 to 15 years has been over developing and approving applications with inadequate parking with no inherent benefit to the residents. Turning our small town into a free parking lot for out of town commuters, more traffic, and crowded roads and this is just the continuation of that. When will it stop? A town this size cannot absorb it and the residents do not like it!

This is not North or South Avenue that could stand some smart development, but a single-family residential zone, and by the first part of this approval the Planning Board in one short night voted to change the entire flavor of this neighborhood!

It is the responsibility of the Planning Board to see that applicants conform to the town zoning and Master Plan in seeking variances, not for them to vote to change them for one applicant.

They should also be consistent in their approvals so one does not feel unfair advantage is given for one, when so many have previously been turned down.

Three single-family homes were approved already, would fit in with the neighborhood, and adhere with the zoning and Master Plan. Townhomes were not approved 10 years ago and should not have been approved now!

**Ileen "Bocchino" Cuccaro**  
**Garwood**

# Obama Presidency Has Damaged American Free Enterprise System

As constitutional America has its identity under attack, by an OBAMAnization and with great regret that his existing term as President can further damage the great achievements created by the American Free Enterprise System and peaceful integration of our many diverse ethnic skilled groups. It is truly amazing, the arrogance and inability this President provides our citizens, but he is not alone in this attack on our liberty and constitutional freedom. He apparently has two LEFT feet! A selfish body of American voters have succumbed to the wide ranging free lunch philosophy have been unconcerned that their children and grandchildren will never get finished paying their bill. They instead not only once elected, but re-elected a President that lied to them and reinforced false hopes for a better American society.

He continues to play one group of Americans against another, having us retrogressed from the great progress that was made in integrating our diverse society. As he announced, the power of his pen and telephone were there to undermine what the American voter recently indorsed loudly, to change his socialistic di-

rections. The problem is that world conditions have so deteriorated politically that his inept decisions may well cause wars that could otherwise be prevented. Yes, 2016 will see him leave office and all the destruction he has created and, hopefully, some of our brain dead citizens, who put him there, kept him there, and who still feed off the fat of his programs, must grow up and know they are responsible for making tomorrow a horror movie for their children and grandchildren.

At that point, I envision much talk about a presidential library, which probably should be located in numerous American bankrupt cities so that the visitors will get the full impact of his failures. On second thought, why not have this Obama Presidential Library find its site in an economy which has had 50 years of failure in sunny HAVANA, CUBA. In which case the sponsors, contributors, follow along guys and the lackeys can immerse themselves in the failed economy that's provided by the opposite of our Free Enterprise System.


**Warren Victor**  
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**SUPERBOWL? THROW A PASS, THREE THINGS CAN HAPPEN AND TWO ARE BAD.**



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**GOP RALLY...** Over 1,000 State Republicans met at the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City on Monday to kick off statewide Assembly campaigns. Asm. Jon Bramnick of Westfield was the headline speaker. Also addressing the audience were Union County GOP Chair Glenn Mortimer of Mountainside and Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky. Pictured above are Mr. Mortimer, left, and Asm. Bramnick.

## When They Leave The State, Their Taxable Income Goes With Them

New Jersey residents are voting with their feet in reaction to excessive taxation, including the confiscatory and counter-productive "death taxes" (both inheritance and estate taxes, unique to New Jersey) that have been responsible for driving tens of thousands of successful taxpayers out of this state.

A new study released last week found that in one year, more than 10,000 millionaire households packed up and left our state. "Millionaires" account for half a percent of all New Jersey taxpayers, but contribute more than 25 percent of the state's Gross Income Tax revenue. That money is critical to sustaining school aid and property tax relief. When they leave the state, their taxable income goes with them.

The study confirmed what we already know: New Jersey's steep tax structure makes it impractical for our most successful taxpayers to stay here.

My Republican colleagues and I have been calling for a more sensible tax policy that will provide relief to the middle class and also help us retain our top revenue producers and keep their money here. Republicans in the Assembly proposed measures to bring taxes on higher earners more into line with other states while also saving middle income property taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Reducing the tax burden on all of our state residents is only the first step, however. To ensure tax relief is sustainable, state government must be more protective of taxpayer dollars. For that purpose, I am introducing "The Revenue Responsibility Act" to ensure that in the future, taxpayer money will be managed carefully and fiscal priorities will be met efficiently.

The Act is a proposal to amend the New Jersey Constitution to cap state appropriations at 1 percent above the appropriation of the previous year and limit state spending to 98.5 percent of revenues received using a five-year running average as the budgetary benchmark. Moreover, it establishes a surplus revenue fund that can only be used to address a huge debt: funding for public employee pension liabilities

or property tax relief.

These are important steps toward making New Jersey affordable again. By making New Jersey more hospitable for all, including high earners, we can combat the loss of revenue to competing states. And by constitutionally assuring responsible revenue management, New Jersey can become more efficient and economical for everyone.

**Assemblyman Robert Auth (R-Bergen/Passaic)**

### Flashback

The Westfield Leader  
October 24, 1957

### The UN's Birthday, Then Sputnik

Twelve years ago today the United Nations came into being. On Oct. 21, 1945, we were at the beginning of a new era, the atomic age. Now within a week of the UN's 12th birthday, we have seen the opening of an even more awesome stage of humanity's development. With the launching of Sputnik, man made his first big step toward conquering outer space.

The beeps and radio signals coming from the satellite are intelligible only to the Russians. The test of the world has no need of them to be sure of one thing: The pressing need for control of space for peaceful purposes. How shall we do this?

By bi-lateral agreement? Such an arrangement is not feasible because just as other nations have conquered the atom so others will gain the knowledge for launching their own moons. The answer for this problem, as it has been for others, is the United Nations.

We are fortunate today that we already have a world organization in action. We can only gauge how well off we have been during the last 12 years by asking ourselves: What might have occurred at various critical moments, had there been no United Nations?

## Letters to the Editor

### Preposterous, Politicians Suggest Children Not Be Vaccinated Against Contagious Diseases

China's first budget carrier Spring Airlines proposes that passengers stand during flights! But what could be less preposterous than politicians suggesting that children not be vaccinated against contagious diseases?

Governor Christie who is not a physician calls for "some measure of choice" for parents regarding vaccination.

But United States Senator Rand Paul is a physician! He claims there are "many tragic cases of walking, talking, normal children who wound up with profound disorders after vaccines. The state doesn't own your children. Parents own the children. And it is an issue of freedom and public health."

This despite the overwhelming evidence that vaccination is safe and essential!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "The risk of MMR vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small. Getting MMR vaccine is much safer than getting measles, mumps or rubella... Severe allergic reaction (is) less than 1 out of a million doses." Such "severe problems" as "deafness, long-term seizures, coma, or lowered consciousness, permanent brain damage... are so rare that it is hard to tell whether they are caused by the vaccine."

The CDC reports, "Scientists in the United States and other countries have carefully studied the MMR shot. None has found a link between autism and the MMR shot."

The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies reports, "The body of epidemiological evidence favors rejection of a causal relation between the MMR vaccine and autism."

The American Society for Pharmacology and Therapeutics and the Food and Drug Administration find no evidence either.

The CDC also reports, "Measles is the most deadly of all childhood rash/fever illnesses. The disease spreads very easily, so it is important to protect against infection... Failure to vaccinate children against measles puts them at risk of severe health complications, such as pneumonia, diarrhea, brain damage, blindness."

The Measles and Rubella Initiative reports vaccination has prevented an estimated 15,600,000 measles deaths between 2000 and 2001! The FDA reports that before vaccines were routinely administered there were over 503,000 measles cases in the United States (1951-1954)! Over 175,000 diphtheria cases annually (1920-1922). Over 147,000 pertussis cases (1922 and 1925). An estimated 20,000 invasive Haemophilus influenza cases in 1985 reduced more than 98 percent since then. Would Governor Christie and Senator Paul have us to return to those days?

There is in general far too much unsubstantiated criticism of scientific findings. Of course, there is always room for debate but debate must be based upon the facts, not upon the unschooled opinions of politicians! Nor is Senator Paul correct that parents who do not have their children immunized own them when their children thus place other children at risk! And what freedom is there for children who come down with an infectious disease as a result?

How sad, even tragic that some of our elected officials often haven't the foggiest idea about what they are talking!

**Stephen Schoeman Westfield**



**MATCHING GRANT...** Shown right to left, Union County Freeholder Chairman Mohamed Jalloh and Freeholder Bruce Bergen present a \$10,000 Preserve Union County matching grant award to Summit City Council President Robert Rubino, Reeves Reed Arboretum Executive Director Frank Juliano and Summit Councilman Gregory Drummond to assist with emergency repairs at the historic Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit.

## Westfield Bd. of Health; Measles Is Now Epidemic And Increasing

The Board of Health did not meet as scheduled due to inclement weather. However, a number of issues are of concern now, so I want to share this information with you.

Measles is now epidemic and increasing in the country. Measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccination prevents this highly communicable virus from spreading. To protect the children in Westfield, all those who can be vaccinated with the MMR vaccine should be vaccinated. The Department of Health provides MMR vaccine, as well as varicella (chickenpox), tetanus and other vaccines, through our Vaccines for Children program at no charge for any child who is uninsured or underinsured. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Laura Scanlon, RN, the Public Health Nursing Supervisor, at 908-789-4070, extension 4074, or lscanlon@westfieldnj.gov.

You should know what you can do in case of noise and lack of sufficient heat. If you are a tenant and have a heating complaint, you can contact Helen Mendez, the Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist, at 908-789-4070, extension 4072, or hmendez@westfieldnj.gov.

If you have a noise complaint about a generator or other stationary equipment, please contact Ms. Mendez, also. If you have a complaint about other noise, e.g., from landscaping workers, barking dogs or other disruptive activities at inappropriate times, please contact the Westfield Police Department at 908-789-4000.

If you own or are responsible for a dog or cat, you must license your pet. You can obtain the license application through the Town Clerk office, which can be reached at 908-789-4030. Due to the presence of rabies in the county, you must have your animal vaccinated against rabies, to protect both your pet and you. An animal that is not properly licensed and vaccinated which is involved in a biting incident is subject to a quarantine of at least 10 days, and the owner may be issued a summons.

For the pick-up of stray domestic animals and injured and ill wildlife on public property and streets, please contact the town's program with Animal Control Solutions LLC at 908-310-1452 and www.animalcontrolsolutions.org/. To collect dead animals, including deer, on streets and public property or for more information, please call the Health Department at 908-789-4070. You should keep all discarded food, garbage and other solid waste in tightly-sealed covered containers to prevent access by rats and other animals. For more information, please contact Ms. Mendez.

The health department is sponsoring health screenings with Overlook Hospital at the Overlook Downtown Center, 357 Springfield Avenue in Summit. Bone density screening will be on Monday, February 16, and bone density screening on Monday, February 23, both from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a \$10 charge each. Free blood pressure and diabetes screenings will also be available. For more information and to register, please contact the Overlook Community Health Department at 1-800-247-9580.

Information about all of the Department's activities is available on its website www.westfieldnj.gov/health. Our next scheduled meeting will be on March 2, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. At that meeting, we will discuss our goals for 2015. As always, the public is invited to attend.

**Lawrence D. Budnick, MD, MPH President, Westfield Board of Health**

### House Passes Bill To Replace Obamacare

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House of Representatives today [Tuesday] passed H.R. 596, legislation that repeals the President's health care law and directs three House Committees, including the Energy and Commerce Committee, to develop patient-centered legislation to replace the law. Upon passage, Energy and Commerce Committee member Leonard Lance (NJ-07) issued the following statement:

"Instead of making health care more affordable and accessible for all Americans, Obamacare is driving up costs and putting the government between patients and their doctors. Today the House has taken formal action to repeal the President's health care law and replace it with patient-centered solutions that use competition and innovation to drive down costs, crack down on frivolous lawsuits and reduce waste, fraud and abuse. As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee I look forward to being on the front-lines of this effort."

For his part, the Seventh District lawmaker has long called for replacing the health care law with more patient-centric sensible proposals that include bolstering health savings accounts, incentivizing states to control health care costs, allowing insurance companies to sell policies across state lines, permitting small businesses to pool together to purchase coverage for their employees, creating state-based insurance pools for individuals with pre-existing conditions and enacting medical malpractice reform.



**CRANFORD JAYCEES...** Shown here is a "big check" for \$13,000 that the Jaycees donated to the Cranford First Aid Squad. The fundraising event was hosted by Union County College in October to support local charities. Pictured above are: UCC President Margaret McMenamin (left), Cranford Junior Chamber graduates from Union County College's EMT program -- Jason Cruz (third from left) and Kruti Brahmhatt (second from right) -- who are working EMTs for the Squad.

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## Ruth Ringel Mintz, Was Bookkeeper; Loving Mother and Grandmother

Ruth Ringel Mintz of Westfield died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on May 4, 1914, the fourth of five daughters. She led a full life, surrounded by family and friends, and enjoyed opera, theatre, literature and was interested in everything around her.

On May 23, 1943 she married Isador B. Mintz, and they spent the next 50 years together. In 1978 they started an Industrial Distribution Company in Springfield, N.J. with their daughter and son-in-law, where she worked as a bookkeeper until her retirement in 2013.

She was a loving mother and grandmother, survived by her daughters, Mildred Werner and her husband, Eddy; Carla Roberts and her husband, Michael; and Beth Mintz and her partner, Deborah; and her grandchildren, Emily and Sara Roberts, Rebecca Mintz, and Andrew Werner and his wife, Kim. She was much loved and will be dearly missed.

Services were held at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, N.J., on Friday, January 30, 2015. Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, Union, N.J.

February 5, 2015

## CONTACT to Begin Training For Volunteers February 18

WESTFIELD AREA — The suicide prevention and crisis intervention hotline CONTACT We Care will offer its next round of training for volunteer listeners beginning Wednesday, February 18, at the RWJ Rahway Fitness and Wellness Center, located at 2120 Lamberts Mill Road, Scotch Plains, at 7 p.m. The training program meets once weekly for 13 weeks, with one one-week break.

CONTACT We Care, headquartered in Westfield, is a suicide-prevention agency that operates a suicide prevention and crisis intervention hotline and provides suicide prevention training to the public, community groups and businesses. The agency relies on more than 200 volunteers to staff its listening lines and texting services and is always looking for new volunteers, according to Sue Fasano, director of programs at the hotline. CONTACT answers about 14,000 calls and texts each year.

Potential volunteers who are intimidated by the idea of talking to people in crisis should not be concerned, according to Ms. Fasano. CONTACT's volunteers are well trained for their work, she said.

Volunteers undergo 50 hours of instruction in empathetic and non-judgmental active listening and mental-health issues and go through a two-day intensive session on suicide intervention called ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training). Training is followed by an internship on the lines with experienced listeners. There is a \$75 fee for materials and volunteers are asked to commit to eight hours on the lines per month for at least one year.

## NAMI Announces Start Date For Family-to-Family Course

AREA — The Union County Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) has announced that registration is now available for its Family-to-Family Education Program. This program will begin on Thursday evening, March 5. Presented by the Union County Chapter of NAMI, the course will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays over a consecutive 12-week period. The course will end on May 21. It is free of charge, with all necessary materials furnished at no cost.

The course is offered specifically to the parents, siblings, spouses, teenage and adult children, and significant others, of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. In a confidential setting, loved ones will learn how to understand and support their ill relative while maintaining their own well-being. The program is not appropriate for individuals who, themselves, suffer from one of the major mental disorders. The course is taught by NAMI members who

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer listener or texter at CONTACT We Care and wanting to register for the training should contact Ms. Fasano at (908) 301-1899 or sue.fasano@contactwecare.org.

CONTACT We Care also provides training to members of the public, community groups and businesses in suicide awareness and prevention, active listening, mental health first aid and preventing teenage suicide. Anyone interested in learning more about or scheduling training also should contact Ms. Fasano.

CONTACT We Care serves Central and Northern New Jersey and is a primary responder to calls to the national suicide prevention line (1-800-273-TALK or 1-800-SUI-CIDE) that originate in New Jersey. Callers also reach CONTACT by dialing (908) 232-2880 or texting "CWC" to 839863. General information is available at contactwecare.org.

## Cranford Library Sets Valentine's Day Party

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library will host a Valentine's Day Dance Party on Saturday, February 14, beginning at 11 a.m., in the library's Raddin Room. Children and their families are invited to create some simple crafts and dance to some kid-friendly tunes.

Registration is not required for this event. Admission is free and all Cranford residents are welcome. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. For a list of other upcoming programs, visit the library's web page at cranford.com.

have completed intensive training.

Curriculum topics include schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and other such conditions; the clinical treatment of these illnesses and how caregivers can learn to cope more effectively. Attendees will learn about the biology of the brain, new research, medications, skills needed to successfully communicate with a relative and how to deal with critical periods. Other topics include advocacy, fighting stigma and problem-solving.

Classes will meet at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, located at 332 Madison Hill Road, Clark. Registration is required prior to the beginning of the course. To register, call (908) 233-1628 or e-mail namioncounty@yahoo.com. If registering by e-mail, include in the subject line: F2F class. An F2F teacher will contact individuals with the details. Refreshments will be served.

## Obituaries

### Jeremiah P. O'Neil, 87, Was Engineer; Loving Husband and Great-Grandfather

Jeremiah P. O'Neil, 87, of Scotch Plains departed this mortal vale of tears on Monday, January 26, 2015.

Jerry was born in Chicopee Falls, Mass. on March 26, 1927, the first of four sons of Carlton J. and Anna Boden O'Neil. The family relocated to Plainfield in 1928, where he was raised and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1944. He attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, Long Island, N.Y. and later graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of Theta Kappa Phi social fraternity and Pi Delta Epsilon honorary journalism fraternity.

Jerry was a licensed Professional Engineer in New Jersey. He was initially employed by the Singer Manufacturing Co. in Elizabethport as a plant manager, and later as a facilities engineer on their New York Executive Offices manufacturing staff. He and his family spent four years in Clydebank, Scotland, as a member of a task force who assisted in a major reorganization of this (the largest in the world) sewing products manufacturing facility.

In 1975, Jerry moved to the Nabisco Co. to initiate and direct an energy conservation program, and subsequently worked in the assessment and introduction of new production technology.

Jerry retired from Nabisco in 1990 and spent 10 years as Zoning Officer for Fanwood and for Westfield.

He was active in community affairs and served as a member and chairman of the Scotch Plains Township Board of Adjustment from 1983 to 1995. He remained active as a volunteer at the Fanwood Recycling Center.

Jerry was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America for more than

65 years, serving in many positions at the troop, district and council level. He was an Eagle Scout and recipient of the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, the Colonial District Award of Merit, and was especially proud to have been honored by the Watchung Area Council with a Silver Beaver Award in 1986.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher; infant granddaughter, Kelly; and brother, Richard.

In June, 1950, he married the former Miss Vivian Campolattano, who survives him after 64 years of marriage so

wonderful it is impossible to describe in mere words.

He also is survived by sons Patrick (wife, Maryadele), Joseph (wife, Kathleen) and Timothy (companion, Kathleen); daughter-in-law, Carole (widow of son Christopher); daughter, Kathleen (husband, John Rankin); grandchildren, Brian (wife, Jessica), Melissa (husband, Chad Bell), Laura (husband, Bryan Nish), Michael, Connor, Cooper, Jamie Leigh, Erin and Claire; great-granddaughters, Adyson, Elizabeth and Kylee; and brothers, Carlton and William.

The funeral was from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood, on Monday, February 2. A Funeral Mass followed at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1571 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, with interment afterward at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jerry's memory may be made to the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, Attention: Dennis Cole, 222 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, N.J. 07923. For additional information or to sign the guestbook, visit [www.fanwoodmemorial.com](http://www.fanwoodmemorial.com).

February 5, 2015



Jeremiah P. O'Neil

### Alice Lazzarini to Share Story of Parkinson Journey

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Parkinson Support Group will meet on Monday, February 9, at 1:30 p.m., in the Parish House Lounge of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Alice Lazzarini, Ph.D., an internationally-recognized neurogenetic researcher and author, will be the guest speaker. Ms. Lazzarini was a pioneer in Parkinson's genetic research at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and was part of the team which in 1996 identified the first Parkinson disease-causing mutation (PARK1) in the brain protein, alpha-synuclein. Ironically, 10 years ago, she developed Parkinson's disease herself.

Her new book, "Both Sides Now," chronicles her journey from researcher to patient. She will share her story with her audience at the meeting. Copies of her book will be available for purchase for \$15 at the meeting, or if individuals already have a copy, they may bring it along to have it signed. Purchase is not required; however, if planning to purchase a book at the meeting, contact Barbara Ringk by Saturday, February 7, by e-mail at [bringk@verizon.net](mailto:bringk@verizon.net) or call (908) 403-3129, so that there are enough copies available. Light refreshments will be served. This meeting is free of charge and people with Parkinson's and/or their caregivers and families are most welcome.

### Wednesday Morning Club Reveals Upcoming Activities

CRANFORD — Although the next business meeting of the Wednesday Morning Club is not until March 4, members are keeping busy with department events.

Bernie Wagenblast will be the guest speaker when the Public Affairs Department meets on Tuesday, February 10, at 1 p.m., at the home of Marie Mastorakis. Mr. Wagenblast serves as the voice for various transportation facilities, including AirTrain Newark, AirTrain JFK and the New York City Transit Authority. He was the announcer on July 4, 2004 during the laying of the cornerstone at the Freedom Tower at the World Trade Center site.

The Literature Department will meet in the home of Dot Conheeny on Monday, February 23, at 1 p.m. Two books will be reviewed and discussed: Tom Ryan's "Following Atticus" and Simon Mawer's "Trapeze."

### Fire Chief Daniel J. Kelly, 54, Was Resident of Westfield and Manasquan

Daniel J. Kelly passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at his home in Westfield, N.J. He was 54 years old.

Visitation will be held tomorrow, Friday, February 6, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 7, at 11 a.m. Arrangements are by Dooley Colonial Funeral Home in Westfield.

Mr. Kelly was a lifelong resident of Westfield, N.J. He is a 1978 graduate of Westfield High School. Dan became a volunteer for the Westfield Fire Department shortly after his graduation and was appointed as a full-time member of the department in 1981. As a member of the department he received numerous citations and awards for his valor and leadership. On February 1, 2005 Dan was named Chief of the Westfield Fire Department, a position he held until his death.

Chief Kelly was a steadfast public servant, serving as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Westfield and as a Union County Fire Coordinator. He is the past president of the Union County Fire Chiefs' Association and FMBA Local No. 30, as well as a longtime member of the Emerald Society.

Dan was an active member with the Knights of Columbus, receiv-

ing the Shields Award in 2002. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Westfield/Mountainside chapter of the American Red Cross. As a member of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church he was active in Men's Cornerstone, serving as this year's spiritual director.

In his free time Dan enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at the beach in Manasquan, N.J. Whether it was kayaking, riding his bike, or walking his beloved golden retriever, Sandy, Dan was never more at home than in "Squan."

Dan was predeceased by his father-in-law, Emil Schwasta. He is survived by his wife, Karen Adair; mother and father, Rosemary and Daniel; his sister, Maryann Mulrooney, and her husband, Charlie; his brother, David, and his wife, Karen; his mother-in-law, Marie Schwasta; brother-in-law, William Schwasta; sister-in-law, Marilyn Schwasta, and her husband, Andrew Cruthers. He also is survived by his nine nieces and nephews: Shane, Hayley, Megan, Chip, JD, Zach, Ben, Maggie and Josh.

Donations in Dan's memory can be made to the following charities: Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation, Imagine, Sister Pat's Kids Camp or Atlantic Hospice.

February 5, 2015

### Dorothea Traynor Nelson, 87, Worked At Insurance Firms and Medical Office

Dorothea Grace Traynor Nelson, 87, of Whiting, Ocean County, N.J., died on Saturday, January 31, 2015, in Crestwood Manor in Whiting.

Born on February 24, 1927 in Westfield to the late John Henry and Adelaide Veronica O'Connor Traynor, she graduated from Holy Trinity High School, Westfield, Class of 1944, and the Berkeley School for Secretaries. She was employed for 26 years, with National Life Insurance Co. of Vermont and the John Hancock Life Insurance Co. She also assisted in managing her late husband, Dr. Francis B. Nelson's medical office.

Dorothea and Dr. Nelson married on June 27, 1970. He passed on February 1, 2000. She was a faithful member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Whiting, N.J.

Dorothea is survived by four children, Francis B. Nelson, Jr. and his wife, Jo Ann, of Jacksonville, Ill., Nancy Nelson Forsberg of Somerset, N.J., Catherine E. Nelson of Somerset, N.J. and Wil-

liam H. Nelson, M.D. and his wife, Jan Gehorsam, of Saint Simons Island, Ga.; grandchildren, Karl Forsberg, D.C. of Reno, Nev., Francis B. Nelson III and his wife, Audra, of Jacksonville, Ill., Logan Forsberg and his wife, Jen, of Reno, Nev., Marguerite Smith and her husband, Dennis, of Springfield, Ill., Leah Nelson of Saint Simons Island, Ga. and Sarah Nelson of Saint Simons Island, Ga.; great-grandchildren, Dorian Forsberg and Max Nelson; siblings, Bernice Lynch of Bath, N.Y. and John H. Traynor, Jr. and his wife, Arline, of Westfield, N.J., and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, the late Florence Palmieri.

Private burial will take place at a later date in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Directors, Westfield, N.J. Memorials may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, N.J.

February 5, 2015

### Miller-Cory to Showcase Vintage Valentines Sunday

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, will present "Vintage Valentines" this Sunday, February 8, between 2 and 4 p.m.

This program will feature a display of vintage valentines, but these are not standard cards. These valentines include pop-up, pull-down, fold-out, cut-out and three-dimensional varieties. The event also will include another way to send romantic or sweet greetings — via a message in a bottle. Visitors will hear stories — historical and fictional — about this unusual way of communicating. Children will have the opportunity to create their own "message in a bottle" for a unique Valentine's Day gift. Light refreshments will be served.

Admission is \$3 for adults and children age 13 and older; \$2 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for those under age 3.

Upcoming Sunday programs at the museum include "Happy Birthday, George!" on February 22; "Symbols in Irish Knitting" on March 15, and "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 22. Demonstrations of open-hearth cooking also will resume in March.

The Miller-Cory House Museum, built in 1740, is listed on both the State and National Registers of His-

toric Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail. It is available for school, Scout or other group tours on weekdays during the morning or after school. Other programs include a showcase of 18th-century skills during which volunteers demonstrate colonial-era crafts and discuss 18th-century life in New Jersey for interested groups, including on-site at local schools.

For more information about this program or others offered by the Miller-Cory House Museum, interested persons may call the museum at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail [millercoreymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercoreymuseum@gmail.com). Details on all programs also are posted on the museum's Facebook page. The website is [millercoreyhouse.org](http://millercoreyhouse.org).

### Caregivers to Meet Next on March 2

WESTFIELD — A support group for individuals who are caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of every month at the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

These are information and sharing sessions. The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 2. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

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## OLL Chapel Anniversary To Be Held February 11

MOUNTAINSIDE — The parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 15th anniversary of its Perpetual Adoration Chapel on Wednesday, February 11. Deacon Mike DeRoberts will serve as homilist during the solemn Mass.

The Adoration Chapel first opened on February 11, 2000 and has remained a place where the faithful visit with the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are always scheduled adorers present while the Holy Eucharist is exposed.

The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes is extremely proud of its Adoration Chapel and of the hundreds of people from within and outside the parish who devotedly keep their scheduled hour each week. It is through their devotion and commitment that this chapel has remained such a success for 15 years.

"There is no other place to find peace and devotion like one finds in the Adoration Chapel," stated Irene Ciccarino, the chapel's coordinator for the past 15 years.

The small chapel adjacent to the church sanctuary is open for anyone who wishes to visit with the Holy Eucharist and spend some quiet time in prayer. It features a library of devotional literature for anyone to use while visiting.

The Anniversary Celebration will take place February 11 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, located at 300 Central Avenue, Mountainide, beginning with a 7:30 p.m. Mass. All past, present and future adorers and their families are welcome to attend this Mass. A reception will follow in Pollard Hall. If interested in attending or for further information, call the parish office at (908) 232-1162.

Anyone interested in spending an hour in quiet prayer or meditation with God is invited to volunteer an hour a week as a regularly scheduled adorer. If an individual has a partner, he or she can spend an hour every other week if each week does not work. Scheduled adorers are always needed and always welcome. For information or to volunteer, call Irene Ciccarino at (732) 574-0064.

## St. Paul's Series to Reflect On Christ's Life and Glory

WESTFIELD — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, under the leadership of the Reverend Andrew C. Hamersley, will offer a Lenten series for adults that will reflect upon the liturgical calendar from Christ's birth, to His baptism, transfiguration, passion, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Spirit, all from the perspective of revealing God's glory.

"Glory" will be studied in sessions on the Hebrew Bible as well as the New Testament. The series will conclude with a choral evensong on The Feast of the Annunciation, featuring the St.

Paul Choir. Programs on Wednesdays, February 25 and March 4, will take place from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch included. A small donation will be requested. On Wednesday, March 11, Holy Eucharist will be offered in the chapel at 6 p.m., to be followed by a potluck supper, and concluding with the Lenten program from 7 to 8 p.m. On Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m., choral evensong will be offered, followed by a potluck supper.

The public is invited to attend any or all of these Lenten programs. For more information, call (908) 232-8506, extension no. 10. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street, Westfield. Further information about the church also is available at [stpaulswestfield.org](http://stpaulswestfield.org).



Rev. Andrew Hamersley

## Flea Market, Collectibles To Be Featured Feb. 14

CLARK — A Flea Market and Collectible Show will take place on Saturday, February 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., indoors and outdoors, at Arthur L. Johnson High School, located at 365 Westfield Avenue, off Raritan Road, Clark. Admission will be free. Sponsored by the ALJHS Alumni Association, the event will feature more than 50 exhibitors displaying an array of quality merchandise such as oil and incense, handbags, sports collectibles, jewelry for all ages, clothing, dollar items, gift items, gloves and scarves, toys, perfumes, antiques and collectibles and garage/tag sale items, all at bargain prices. Food also will be available for purchase.

JC Promotions is offering four free spaces to any school organization wishing to participate by having an exhibitor space to sell their items and/or promote their club. To reserve one of the spaces, or for more information about the event, contact JC Promotions at (201) 998-1144 or [events@jcpromotions.info](mailto:events@jcpromotions.info).

## Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)  
Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine, Amen.

Say this prayer on three consecutive days. Publish this prayer after the favor is granted.

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1 T - 2/5/15, The Leader



GOT THAT SWING...The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will share their talents with the congregation of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains during the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 22. Following the service the Combo will offer a "Show and Tell" segment for children and adults, during which they will discuss various instruments.

## Florian Schantz Jazz Combo Due at Willow Grove Feb. 22

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Swing to the Lord a New Song" will be the theme for the 10 a.m. worship service at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 22, with music by the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo. Songs and hymns will be woven throughout the worship service, reflecting a variety of jazz styles from spirituals to Latin style to swing.

The Combo will play some of their favorite instrumental pieces at the beginning and end of the service, including "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing," "Tiger Rag" and "St. Louis Blues." During the service, they will play during hymns, as arranged by jazz pianist and Presbyterian pastor the Reverend Bill Carter. At the conclusion of the service all are invited to join in singing "When the Saints Go Marching In."

A resident of Westfield, Florian Schantz started playing trumpet at age 6, started his own jazz band with adult professional musicians at 9, and received the Louis Armstrong Award for trumpet at 11. Now 12 years old, he and his combo have played professionally in Europe and the United States. His sister, Margare

ret, who is 15 years old and has been playing in the combo since 2013, will play flugelhorn. The jazz combo also features Rup Chattopadhyay on trombone, Lowell Schantz on guitar and Cory Ackerman on drums.

"This exciting service will reflect how jazz, Christian faith and worship intersect," said the Reverend Cynthia Cochran-Carney, pastor.

The concert is part of the 2014-2015 "Music for the Soul" series. Following the worship service, the Jazz Combo will lead a "Show and Tell" time for children and adults of all ages. The musicians will display and talk about an assortment of brass and percussion instruments and more, some dating to the 1800s. Refreshments will be served in Alexander Hall following the worship service and presentation. Funding for this musical performance is provided by a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is located at 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, near the corner of South Martine Avenue. The facilities are handicap-accessible. For more information, call (908) 232-5678 or visit [willowgrovechurch.org](http://willowgrovechurch.org).

## Fanwood Presby. Invites All For Ash Wednesday, Lent

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Presbyterian Church has announced details for its upcoming Ash Wednesday Service and Lenten program.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on February 18. It will include a brief message, communion, choral music and the imposition of ashes. All are welcome.

The Lenten "Soup and Devotions" will be offered on Thursdays from February 26 through March 26, starting at 6:30 p.m., with soup, salad and bread in the dining room. Participants are asked to enter from the McDermott Place door.

Interested persons are asked to call the church office to make reservations for the meal. The DVD-based lesson, starting at 7 p.m., will be led by New Testament scholar and theologian N.T. Wright, based on his book "Surprised by Hope." The book and study guide may be purchased on Amazon but do not need to be. Small group discussions will follow and the sessions will conclude at or before 8 p.m.

The Fanwood Presbyterian Church welcomes all who would like to attend all or any of the services or programs. For more information, call the church office at (908) 889-8991, e-mail [admin@fanwoodpc.org](mailto:admin@fanwoodpc.org) or check the website at [fanwoodpc.org](http://fanwoodpc.org).

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## Kosher Chef-Baker to Hold Cooking Demo at Temple

SCOTCH PLAINS — Internationally-acclaimed kosher chef and baker Paula Shoyer will conduct a cooking demonstration and food tasting at Congregation Beth Israel on Wednesday, February 25, beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be open to the community.

Ms. Shoyer is a French-trained pastry chef who teaches classes in French pastry and Jewish cooking in the Washington, D.C. area and around the world. She is the author of "The Kosher Baker: 160 dairy-free desserts from traditional to trendy" and "The Holiday Kosher Baker."

Her latest cookbook, "The New Passover Menu," published in 2014, presents a contemporary and global Passover menu while still honoring the holiday's dietary rules. Ms. Shoyer's recipes have been featured in newspapers, magazines, websites, blogs and on radio and television shows across the country.

"We are excited to welcome Paula Shoyer to our community," said Debbie Friedman, Ways and Means Committee co-chairwoman at Congregation Beth Israel. "Her

cookbooks, with their delicious and innovative recipes, have become staples in kosher homes."

The event costs \$36 per person. To register or for more information, contact the synagogue office at [office@cbisp.org](mailto:office@cbisp.org) or (908) 889-1830. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains.



Paula Shoyer

## Community Center Taking Appts For Tax Counseling

CRANFORD — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), is accepting appointments for free tax assistance. Cranford and Garwood taxpayers can call the Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283 to reserve a time slot time with a tax practitioner.

Hourly appointments are being made on either Mondays or Fridays beginning tomorrow, Friday, February 6, from noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. All appointments will be at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue, in Room 204. The last appointment to receive tax assistance will be Monday, April 13. No appointments will be made on Monday, February 16 (Presidents' Day), and Friday, April 3 (Good Friday), as the Community Center will be closed.

This service is for residents of Cranford and Garwood, and is geared

to senior citizens and area residents with low to moderate income. Filing assistance is provided for Federal and New Jersey State income tax returns, and the Property Tax Reimbursement Program (PTR 1 and 2). Federal and State returns are filed electronically.

Participants should bring the following information: copies of Federal and State returns for 2013 along with 2014 wages, interest, dividends, capital gains, Social Security, etc. (forms 1099, 1099R, 1099B-W2 and SSA), and their property tax bill (2014). Individuals also are asked to bring a form of identification and, if requesting direct deposit or payment, to bring a blank check showing account number and routing number.

## Floraphile to Learn About Rain Gardens

CRANFORD — The Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford will meet on Tuesday, February 17, when members will be joined by a speaker from the "My Green Cranford" organization for a presentation on rain gardens.

Participants will learn how these gardens can help create a safer, cleaner, more livable community. The meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Guests are welcome.

Anyone interested in joining the Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford or obtaining more information on upcoming events may contact Mary Ellen at [mecrafts@verizon.net](mailto:mecrafts@verizon.net), or like the club on Facebook at [facebook.com/floraphilegardenclub](http://facebook.com/floraphilegardenclub).

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### GOZDIESKI WINS BIG OVER THOMPKINS, MURRAY RECORDS 130TH CAREER WIN, SCORESE EDGES FULLER

## Cranford Cougars Pounce on Blue Devils in Wrestling, 52-13

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Blue Devil junior Jarek Gozdzieski pulled out a key victory and senior Gavin Murray made Cranford High School history as the visiting Cougars defeated Westfield, 52-13, on January 30. The 13-1 Cougars had their hands raised in 11 of the 14 bouts.

Gozdzieski, who dropped a 3-1 decision to Cougar Andrew Tompkins in the Union County Tournament (UCT) semifinals at 160-lbs, scored a takedown in the third overtime (OT) to grab a 4-3 decision, this time in the 170-lb class. Tompkins had placed second in the UCT, while Gozdzieski placed third, so the victory could have serious seeding implications for the upcoming District 11 Tournament scheduled for February 20-21 in Westfield.

"That was a very smart match. He kept the pace going the whole time. He stayed on the attack. He was aggressive. Tompkins is pretty explosive. He got in on a couple of nice

shots and Jarek defended really well. He's just a hardworking kid, who got what he deserved," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said.

After a standing first period, Gozdzieski escaped in the second. Tompkins scored a reversal in the third but Gozdzieski escaped and nearly added a potential winning takedown but the bout went into OT. Gozdzieski just missed another takedown in the first OT, but after a scoreless second OT, Tompkins escaped but Gozdzieski got the winning takedown just seconds before the buzzer.

"I was frustrated a little bit, but I knew it was getting easier and easier to shoot on him. As the match went on, I knew his defense was breaking down and eventually I would be able to get a takedown," Gozdzieski said.

"He came close, he came close, he came close, but he just stayed with his game plan," Coach Kurz said.

Gozdzieski did, however, notice that Tompkins was mentally tiring as the bout continued.

"Westfield tries to break our opponents. Good conditioning can do that. I could still go for another two periods and it looked like he was pretty much done," Gozdzieski said. "It's a great feeling."

#### SPF/WF PIN Cancer Mat Event Friday

This Friday, February 6, there will be a second annual PIN Cancer event between Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Westfield in Westfield. This is also PAL night so there will be the youth and middle school programs starting at 4 p.m., JV is scheduled to start at 6 p.m., and Varsity is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

There will be a PIN Cancer collection box at the door. Concession dollars will also be donated to PIN Cancer. It is a great event and the community's support would be appreciated.



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CLOSE TO A TAKEDOWN...Blue Devil Jarek Gozdzieski, front, attempts to get a takedown on Cougar Andrew Tompkins during their 170-lb bout. Gozdzieski got a takedown in the third overtime to pull out a 4-3 win.

Murray earned his 130th career win, passing Joe Giaccio's 129 (2011) when

he pinned Kevin Miller in 1:20 with an arm bar/half nelson at 152-lbs.

"I knew it was on the line. I was

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### SILVERSTEIN, RAMOS SCORE EIGHT POINTS APIECE

## Union Farmer Boys 'Tower' Over Raider Cagers, 69-39

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Many factors, but especially a huge height advantage, allowed the Union High School boys basketball team the opportunity to tower over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders in a 69-39 triumph in Scotch Plains on January 29. The Farmers used their

were also contributing factors. Ramos, especially after scoring a Raider all-time high 57 points against Roselle on January 8, immediately became the target of all opposing defenders and was limited to just eight points against Union.

"Obviously, I have been having a couple of good games lately, so I

points for the Raiders, while Roberson netted seven points and Service sank five. The second quarter was not much better as the Farmers stretched their lead to 32-8 by halftime. Raider Aaron Lee sank four of his six points in the quarter.

"Once I wasn't getting the ball as much, I couldn't create as much. For



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VERY CLOSELY GUARDED...Raider Leo Ramos, No. 15, is closely guarded by the Union Farmer defenders in the game in Scotch Plains on January 29. Ramos, who scored 57 points in an earlier-season game, was limited to just eight points.

distinct size advantage to totally control the boards both defensively and offensively.

Offensively, the Farmers were getting three or four rebounds at a clip, which made their opportunities to score much easier. Defensively, their control of the boards put the Raiders in a one-and-out situation nearly every time. Tevin Service (14 points), Jordan Roberson (13 points) and Briceton Horton were the primary Farmers, who reaped the benefits of superior board control.

"They had some big guys and we didn't, so they were just getting the ball and putting it back up there. It made it hard for us to get the ball and push it up. They were cleaning up the boards and getting easy shots after that," Raider senior guard Leo Ramos said.

Multiple acts of theft and ice cold shooting on the part of the Raiders, mostly brought about by the Farmers' ability to put a suffocating pinch on Ramos, the Raiders' "go to" man,

guess they tried to get on me as much as they could. They were trying to get me out of my game and trying to frustrate me a little bit. I had to work through it, but there was not much you could do after that," Ramos said.

In that marathon, 107-105, triple overtime win over the Roselle Rams, Ramos seemed to be on in every aspect of his game.

"Things were definitely on. I felt my shot was going in. I was drawing fouls left and right, and I was able to make the fouls shots. Once I felt it, I knew that every time I got the ball I was able to score. I was hitting a couple of jumpers now and then, but because they were on me a lot, I was able to go by them once or twice and got lay-ups off of that," Ramos said.

Against the Farmers, the pressure on Ramos and the Raiders' ice cold shooting was especially glaring in the first quarter easily won by Union, 18-2. Cobi Silverstein, who finished with eight points, scored the only

that reason, our team struggled a little bit," Ramos said.

Ramos did get the ball a little more and scored the first four points of the third quarter, but the Farmers still won the quarter, this time by a much closer margin, 21-17. Silverstein added four points and Chris Lisojo, who finished with four points, banged a 3-pointer.

The Farmers won the fourth quarter, 16-14, and Raider Anthony Hughes scored the final points when he nailed a 3-pointer. Dan Baliko, who scored the first two points of the quarter, finished with three rebounds and tipped a pass.

Raider Emendo Thomas had three rebounds and a steal, Marquel Taylor had a pair of rebounds and an assist, Justin Cryer had two rebounds, a blocked shot and an assist, Danny Lopez had an assist and Ramos finished with three rebounds and two steals.

Union	18	14	21	16	69
Sc Pl-Fanwood	2	6	17	14	39





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Alex Lowe for The Westfield Leader and The Times

THREE SUPER SENIORS...Blue Devil seniors Lil Scott, No. 20, Jamie Miller, No. 11, and Jackie Knapp, No. 2, with their parents receive flowers before the final regular-season home game against the Patrick School on January 31.

**SCOTT SINKS 17, KNAPP 16; MONTES 7 RBs, DEVITT 6**

# Patrick School Surges in 2nd, Stop Lady Blue Devils, 60-47

By ALEX LOWE

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The highly touted Patrick School girls basketball team came into Westfield and used a big second quarter to surge past the Blue Devils on its way to a 60-47 triumph on January 31. The Celtics were led offensively by Zhane Irby (10 points) and defensively by 6'2" sophomore center Raven Farley-Clark, who finished with 10 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Farley-Clark was a huge presence in the lane during the fateful second quarter, constantly redirecting Westfield shots in the paint and keeping the Blue Devil girls from scoring the easy baskets they had gotten in the first quarter.

"Number thirty-three [Raven Farley-Clark] is a very tall, big player," said Westfield senior Jacqueline Knapp. "She did a really good job defensively. She made it difficult to get good looks inside. Our girls did a great job early in the game at boxing her out and keeping her from getting a lot of rebounds. We weren't as effective in that area as the game went on."

Seniors Lillian Scott (17 points, 7 assists, 4 steals) and Knapp (16 points, 2 steals, assist) powered Westfield's effort but in the end, poor foul shooting contributed to the loss. Westfield missed 11 free throws (13 of 24) for a paltry 54 percent success rate.

"We got a lecture about the importance of hitting our foul shots," said Knapp. "We need to concentrate as a team on all aspects of the game if we are going to beat a team like The Patrick School."

Westfield jumped to an 8-2 early

lead five minutes into the contest. The Blue Devils were playing at a fast pace and scoring inside effectively, while pulling down rebounds against the tall frontcourt of the Celtics. But a 3-point shot by Irby with 2:08 left in the quarter seemed to energize the visitors who closed to within 10-7 by the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, it was all Celtics. Behind a pressuring defense and some inspired interior rebounding by Farley-Clark, The Patrick School surged past Westfield,

**Raider Matmen Clock Eliz. Minutemen, 49-18**

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team won 10 of 14 bouts to claim a 49-18 victory over the Elizabeth Minutemen in Scotch Plains on January 30.

**BOUQUET SEQUENCE:**

- 182: Jaylen Bryant (S) d Michael Rojas, 11-7
- 195: Alex Mirabella (S) d Quincy McCallon, 9-7
- 220: David Tobe (E) md Karl Williams, 15-2
- 285: Lloyd Jackson (E) p Christopher McMahon, 1:50
- 106: Jacob Perone (S) md Steve Baez, 16-3
- 113: Nadin Korkmaz (S) p Michael Anaya, 5:06
- 120: Kevin Bazan (E) p Owen Martin, 2:54
- 126: Tony Stuckey (E) over Jashmar Philippe, 9-2
- 132: Tommy Cunningham (S) p Ruben Martinez, 1:17
- 138: JT Beirne (S) p Ruben Arias, 2:38
- 145: Brian Lapham (S) p Juan Miranda, 4:46
- 152: Jeff Lieblich (S) d Reginald Adams, 9-5
- 160: Brian Robinson (S) p Shaquille Mars, 1:54
- 170: George Ramos (S) p Steve Hermida, 3:17

outsourcing them 14-1 on their way to a 21-11 advantage midway through the period. The visitors scored 24 points in the quarter and established a commanding, 31-18 lead by the half. Rather than fading out quietly though, the Blue Devils would stage a determined rally in the third quarter.

"These are two very competitive teams," said Knapp. "The game went back and forth. We came out very strong against them but we couldn't finish them off. The second half was just a classic game to be involved in."

Knapp would score seven points during a 14-3 run in the first four minutes of the third quarter that pulled Westfield to within two at 34-32. But after a timeout, The Patrick School

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**Blue Devil Matmen Nip Ridge Red Devils, 42-35**

The Westfield High School wrestling team pulled out a 42-35 victory over the hosting Ridge Red Devils on January 28.

**BOUQUET SEQUENCE:**

- 106: — Chris Hoerle (W) p Bo Flournoy, 3:32
- 113: — Zach Rabinowitz (W) won forfeit
- 120: — Vic Castagno (R) p Dan Hoerle, :20
- 126: — Matt Jones (W) won forfeit
- 132: — John Fuller (W) won forfeit
- 138: — Jack Fleishman (R) p Al Dente, :45
- 145: — Will Schmidt (R) tf Ryan Bass, 18-2, 4:03
- 152: — Connor Scherzer (R) p Kevin Miller, 1:41
- 160: — Austin Oliver (R) won forfeit
- 170: — Jarek Gozdieski (W) d Nolan Bianchi, 4-1
- 182: — Devin Anderson (W) d Trisston Conway, 4-2
- 195: — Phil Ricca (W) p Luke Ganny, 5:06
- 220: — Cotter Spurlock (W) p Mohammed Attie, 1:26
- Hwt: — Matt Auletta (R) won forfeit



**Devil's Den**

# Ferraro to be Honored By County Hot Stovers

By BRUCE JOHNSON

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Chrissy Ferraro ('14) will be among the honorees at the 2015 Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m., at L'Affaire Banquet Center, Mountainside.

Ferraro will receive the Banyasz Brothers Memorial Award as the county's top softball player.

Currently a freshman at Cabrini College in Pennsylvania, Ferraro hit .505 last spring for the 21-4 Blue Devils, with a team-leading 46 hits and 36 runs.

By the way, the Banyasz brothers were John and Steve. The latter, class of 1931 at WHS. He was a starting halfback on the football team, the leading scorer on the basketball team as a junior and senior, and a pitcher-shortstop-outfielder on the baseball team.

Elena Scarano ('14) was the winner of the 2014 Banyasz Brothers Award.

The Union County Baseball Association will also induct four new members into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame—Jorge Comas of Elizabeth, Barry Kaverick of Kenilworth, Richard McCormack of Elizabeth, and Jack Shaw of Roselle Park.

In addition to Ferraro, local student-athletes Nick Christiani, Rebecca Rotola and Tommy Trotter will be honored for their achievements in 2014.

The guest speaker will be Roy White, the former New York Yankees all-star outfielder who played on two World Series champion teams.

Tickets for the dinner are \$45. Proceeds will help fund the Union County Summer Youth Baseball League for youngsters 8 to 15 years, and the Fall Teen League. Tickets are available by visiting www.UCBA-NJ.org. For information, call Jim Iozzi at 908-917-2523.

Here are some of the Hot Stovers' Westfield-related honorees over the years:

- Chris Zusi Memorial Award, 1963 Jeff Torborg, 1979 Butch Woolfolk, 1980 Chris Sheehan, 1992 Dave Brown, 2001 Brian Ciemierniecki, 2009 Mike Murray, Joe Lombardi Memorial Award, 1974 Glen Kehler, 1978 Jacki Booth, 1991 Rebecca Krohn, 1995 Tameeka Dixon, 2001 Vicki Nusse, 2002 Jesse Coxson
- UC Baseball Assoc. Hall of Fame Al Ashmont (Post 3), John and Steve Banyasz ('31, UCL), Bob Brewer ('68, Post 3, Merchants), Joe DiFabio (Merchants), Jack Gillespie (Trinity, Hawks), Dick Hartnett (Post 3), Martin Howarth (Hawks), Bob Lincoln (Hawks), Al Moeller (Post 3), Bruce Moran (writer), Mike Murray ('06, Post 3), Lew Pecina (Hawks), Tony Picaro (Post 3), Hub Stine, Steve Tebbetts ('72, Post 3, Merchants), Jeff Torborg ('59, Post 3, Merchants), Robert Turner Sr. (Merchants)

**'KISS YOUR SISTER'**

In 1996-97 the National Federation Wrestling Rulebook was rewritten, installing a series of tiebreakers to make sure that nobody ever didn't win or lose – individually or team-wise. Ties, we were told, were akin to kissing your sister.

Sure enough, days after typing this part, WHS "beat" Berkeley Heights 37-37 on tiebreaker 'h'. They couldn't break the tie with the first seven tiebreakers and insisted on going to tiebreaker 'h' – the team having the greater number (total match points) of first point(s) shall be declared the winner.

Anyhow, the last individual ties in a dual meet were during the 1992 dual-meet season. Paco Gonzalez and

Chris Posey had the final two draws in school history during a 54-4 loss to Randolph in the sectional finals.

The school record for ties in a season is, and forever will be, four. The first to do that was my classmate Dennis Minno (10-4-4) in 1963. He was later "tied" by John Hopper (9-5-4) in 1968, Bill Steele (6-6-4) in 1972 and Dr. Ken Ciarrocca (6-10-4) in 1975.

WHS's last team tie was in 1993, 28-28 against Scotch Plains. Those bitter rivals also had back-to-back ties in 1970 (21-21) and 1971 (18-18).

Ironically, the teams meet for the 58th time tomorrow night at the Devil's Den. WHS leads the series with 32 wins against 22 losses ... with three ties.

In those three ties, Westfield won 17 matches, SPF won 18, and there were two ties.

Here are the box scores:

**WHS 21, SP-F 21**

- Jan. 6, 1970 at WHS
- 98: Dave Stalknecht (W) d. Mike Juppe 1-0
- 106: Jeff Lange (S) d. Joe Mannino 6-0
- 115: Tom Owen (W) drew Keith Devine 1-1
- 123: Mike Sawczak (S) d. Dave Gowdy 5-0
- 130: Mike Russo (S) d. Gene Mills 4-0
- 136: Rick Warne (W) d. Mark Sobel 6-0
- 141: Rick Adelaar (W) d. Gary Bobko 12-0
- 148: Keith Grabel (W) drew Bruce Walck 1-1
- 157: J.J. Kalbacher (W) p. Jim Brennan 1:47
- 168: Walt Grote (S) p. Charlie Filippone :53
- 178: Frank Jackson (W) d. Jim Moffat 10-1
- Hvy: Dave Molten (S) d. Bob Harvey 4-2
- WHS 18, SP-F 18

**WHS 16, SP-F 16**

- Jan. 5, 1971 at SP-F
- 98: Mike Juppe (S) d. Joe Thome 6-0
- 106: Jeff Lange (S) d. Joe Mannino 2-0
- 115: Pete Marino (W) d. Doug Ward 10-0
- 123: Bob Church (S) d. Tom Betz 12-2
- 130: Rich Gottlieb (W) d. Craig Eckenthal 5-0
- 136: John Carvalho (S) d. Phil Light 8-6
- 141: Mark Sobel (S) d. Gene Mills 5-3
- 148: Kurt Stiefken (W) d. Andy Altobelli 6-1
- 157: Skip Meikeljohn (W) d. Walt Palmer 2-0

**WHS 28, SP-F 28**

- 168: Tom Jackson (W) d. Jerry Reilly 4-3
- 178: John Kerr (W) d. Greg Anderson 8-2
- Hvy: Tom Smith (S) d. Paul Hoffman 7-2
- WHS 28, SP-F 28
- Jan. 15, 1993 at SP-F
- 103: Kevin Sullivan (W) p. Craig Costello 1:57
- 112: Jeff Checchio (W) p. Morima Abrams 1:07
- 119: Pat Bartels (S) p. Brian Buldo 5:39
- 125: Jason McLean (S) d. James Hogaboom 13-2
- 130: Mark Donadio (S) p. Paul Hayes :55
- 135: Chris Posey (W) d. Jorge Mendez 8-0
- 140: Mike Marcovecchio (S) d. Cory Posey 10-9 OT
- 145: Mike Liggera (W) d. Pedro Mendez 3-2



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# Raider Matmen Squeak Past Watchung Hills Warriors, 30-28

By ALEX LOWE  
*Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Every point mattered and the hosting Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team salvaged just enough to outlast Watchung Hills, 30-28, on January 28. The Raiders clinched the victory when Karl Williams recorded a pin with two bouts remaining.

Perhaps the key effort came in defeat as Raider Sam Wustefeld (160-lbs) turned in a strong third period performance to prevent losing by majority decision.

"We thought we would jump out to an early lead against them," said Raider Head Coach Thomas Gavor. "We did that. They [Watching Hills] came back in the middle weights."

Raider Jack Cannon started the evening with a 7-1 decision over Marc Lawson at 120-lbs. Warrior Justin Heyward eked a 1-0 decision over Jashmar Philippe at 126-lbs. Raider Tom Cunningham (132-lbs) pinned Nadir Beyah in 1:48. JT Beirne recorded a 12-3, major decision over Palmer Ferrara at 138-lbs. Raider Brian Lapham (145-lbs) dominated Steve Tyls, 8-2, then Alex Murray (152-lbs) got Watchung Hills its first big victory with an 18-3 tech fall over Jeff Lieblich.

Wustefeld faced Wilson Urgeliz with the Raiders leading 16-8, but Urgeliz was determined to pile up points and jumped to a 4-1 lead entering the second period then boasted a 12-2 lead entering the third. Wustefeld, however, found the energy to outscore Urgeliz, 5-2, in the final minute to save his team critical points.

"I think the performance of Sam Wustefeld was big," said Gavor. "Even though he lost the match, the kid he was wrestling against was really strong. Heading into that third period he was way down and in position to

lose by a major. Sam ended up really gutting out the third period and actually won the period 5-2. This brought it from a major to a three point win for Watchung Hills. When you look at how close the final score was, this could have been the difference."

After Warrior Michael Terpac recorded a 5-0 decision over Julio Devia at 170 pounds, the match totals stood at 16-14 Raiders.

Pressure was on Raider George Ramos at 182-lbs in his bout with Chris Pinho. With 15 seconds remaining and the score tied, 3-3, Ramos recorded a takedown and a nearfall to win, 8-3.

"It was another huge win for us," said Gavor. "It could have gone either way at that point or, at least, could have been headed to an extra period. Instead George gets the takedown with fewer than twenty seconds left and earns us a very hard fought three points. Again, in a bout that could have gone either way, we got three points that really could have been the difference between winning and losing the overall match."

Warrior Ben Gomes answered with a 7-2 decision over Jaylen Bryant at 195-lbs to make the team score, 19-17 heading into the 220-lb bout between Alex Mirabella and Warrior Elvis Samoyoa. Mirabella left little doubt as to his intentions and racked up a 10-0 lead after one period on his way to a 15-0, tech fall to give the Raiders a 24-17 lead. The only disappointment for Mirabella was not being able to pin Samoyoa despite having him on his back for nearly a minute in the first period.

"I had a cradle locked up, but he was just a little too much for me to get the pin," said Mirabella. "I was trying to work from left to right against him and he fought with everything he had to avoid the pin."

From there, Williams (285-lbs) managed to pin Calvin Davis in 3:13 boost the Raiders' lead to 30-17 with just two bouts remaining. The War-

riors won the final two bouts when Danny Miller (106-lbs) pinned Justin Sidebottom in 1:23 and Rob Saum scored a 19-3, tech fall over Nadin Korkmaz at 113-lbs.

The loss left Watchung Hills (6-7) to ponder what might have been if even just one of the closely contested matches had gone their way.

"We left points on the table tonight," said Warrior Head Coach Dan Smith. "We lost at 182 pounds in what was an even match throughout, but I was proud of Chris Pinho for his effort. He was really in only his second full month of varsity wrestling and he took their guy right to the limit. Alex Murray did some good work for us out there. So did Wilson Urgeliz and Michael Terpac, but you know, we'll look back and wish we could have flipped a match somewhere along the way. It would have been enough to get us a victory."

The Raiders meanwhile has no such regrets.

"Our coach always preaches to us about picking up bonus points wherever we can," said Mirabella. "Majors are big. Winning the third period is another thing we always want to do. Tonight was a night where that approach really helped us to win the overall. With Sam [Wustefeld] and George [Ramos] both winning the third periods of their matches like they did, it really propelled us. Even if one of those matches goes the other way then we are on the losing end."

- BOUT SEQUENCE:**  
**120: Cannon (S) d Larson, 7-1**  
**126: Hayward (W) d Philippe, 1-0**  
**132: Cunningham (S) p Beyah, 1:48**  
**138: Beirne (S) md Ferrara, 12-3**  
**145: Lapham (S) d Tyls, 8-2**  
**152: Murray (W) tf Lieblich, 18-3, 4:41**  
**160: Urgeliz (W) d Wustefeld, 14-7**  
**170: Terpac (W) d Devia, 5-0**  
**182: Ramos (S) d Pinho, 8-3**  
**195: Gomes (W) d Bryant, 7-2**  
**220: Mirabella (S) tf Samoyoa, 15-0, 5:52**  
**285: Williams (S) p Davis, 3:13**  
**106: Miller (W) p Sidebottom, 1:23**  
**113: Saum (W) tf Korkmaz, 19-3**



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WORKING HIS WAY AROUND A COUGAR...Raider Chris Lisojo, No. 25, attempts to dribble around Cougar Mike Smith, No. 12, in the game at Cranford on January 31. The Cougars controlled the boards and won, 66-40.

**RAMOS SINKS 32 PTS, LEONARD 18, CHRISTIANO 13 RBs**

# Cougar Boys Control Boards In 66-49 Victory over Raiders

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
*Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Control of the boards by committee and a tag-team coverage of the opponent's most dangerous offensive player was the formula for a 66-49 victory by the Cranford Cougars over the visiting Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team on January 31.

Unlike in most of their games this season, the Cougars were facing a team that was similar in height, so rebounding dominance was up for grabs and the Cougars enjoyed the lion's share.

"Especially losing [Eric] Donahue our big man [shoulder injury]. It was a big loss. We are doing what we can,

boxing out. Coach has been working with us in practice for bigger teams, but we were expecting to grab a lot of rebounds from this team today," junior guard Sean Leonard said.

Senior guard Luke Christiano (4 assists) led all rebounders with 13. Mike Smith pulled five rebounds. Hunter Remley had seven, Leonard (2 assists) had four and Kevin Trotter (2 assists, 2 steals) added two.

"Christiano, I think he's our leading rebounder. He's a physical kid. He's got excellent athletic ability. He's a Division I athlete [Lehigh — football]. He can do it all." Cougar Head Coach Ryan Huber said. "All of these kids break the molds. They have great upbringing from all the parents. They

will run through the wall for you. We got a great effort today."

The Raiders' leading rebounders were junior Marquel Taylor with five and Leo Ramos with four. Danny Lopez (2 points) was the Raiders' chief thief with three steals.

Three Cougars hit double figures with Leonard leading the team with 18 points, while Christiano and Smith pumped in 14 each. Christiano was 6-for-7 from the line. Remley scored nine points.

"We have a lot of kids, who can play varsity basketball on this team. There's no superstars, who can put up 15-20 points a game. We were on today," Leonard said.

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## Cougar Boys Stop Raiders, 66-49

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"At times, we played well. At times, we didn't play well. We got to get a little more consistent. Some guys stepped up today. We lost [Jack] Schetelich [illness]. We made shots when we needed to," Coach Huber said.

"We work on the chemistry that we can get, because we are not that big," Leonard said.

The Cougars had their hands full dogging Ramos, who had been an offensive terror all season, especially with his 57-point explosion against Roselle a few weeks ago. Ramos finished with a game-high 32 points, including 12-for-13 from the line. Cobi Silverstein netted six points and Aaron Lee scored four, while Emendo Thomas (2 steals) and Dan Baliko each added two points.

"At the start of the game, I would cover him, then at halftime, we made an adjustment. Luke had him then they put me back on him. We tried to shut him down the best we could," Leonard said of Ramos.

"We went Leonard, Smith,

Christiano around there. He's [Ramos] a phenomenal player. He's going to succeed at the next level too. He has great hands, gets his jump shot off quick, he's a good all-around player," Coach Huber said.

Ramos began the first quarter with a 3-pointer and scored eight of the Raiders' 11 points, while the Cougars totaled nine points. The second quarter went to the Cougars, 22-17, with Leonard hitting eight of his points and Ramos sinking 12, including another 3-pointer and five free throws.

The third quarter told the tale, however, when the Cougars spread the wealth among four teammates and outscored the Raiders 20-8 to carry a 51-36 lead into the final quarter. Ramos scored the Raiders' first two points in the fourth and Albert Gargiulo sank the Cougars first two points. Brice Edwards sank a free throw for the Raiders' final point and Dante Anderson banged a two for the Cougars' final points.

Sc Pl-Fanwood	11	17	8	13	49
Cranford	9	22	20	15	66



David B. Corbin (February 2011 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**GOING IN FOR THE FIREMAN'S TAKEDOWN...Blue Devil Colin Barber, front, slips in for a fireman's takedown in his 145-lb. bout with New Providence's Jeff SanFilippo on February 4, 2011. Barber pinned SanFilippo in 2:55.**

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## Cougars Win Two of Three In Wrestling Quad Meet

The Cranford High School wrestling team defeated High Point, 49-18, and Warren Hills, 46-24, then lost to Paramus, 34-18, in a quad meet on January 31.

Against High Point, the Cougars won 10 of the 14 bouts, including four by forfeit, but the biggest shocker of the day came when High Point's Jason Giaccione, ranked No. 5 at 145-lbs, jumped up to 152-lbs and pulled out a 1-0, ultimate tiebreaker over No. 1 ranked Gavin Murray.

At 106-lbs, Cougar Anthony Capece pinned Malcolm Sinclair in 3:47. Chris Scorese pinned Garrett Fenlon in 1:39 at 126-lbs, Brian McGovern pinned Trevor Risdon in 1:34 at 145-lbs and Niko Cappello pinned Ryan Olinger in 1:05 at 182-lbs. Tom DiGiovanni claimed a 9-1, major decision over Shane Kobis at 120-lbs, Dave Busch defeated Eric Wingle, 3-0, at 138-lbs, Nick Ballas (195-lbs) won 1-0 over Tim Space and heavyweight Kevin Doran edged Henry Koperus, 3-2. Andrew Tompkins (160-lbs) and Vince Concina (132-lbs) won via forfeit.

The Cougars won nine of the 14 bouts against Warren Hills. Capece (106), DiGiovanni (120), Scorese (126), McGovern (145) and Cappello (182) all won by pins. Concina earned a 4-2

victory at 132-lbs. Ballas (195) claimed a 13-5, major decision and Tompkins pulled out a 2-1 decision at 160-lbs. Murray received a forfeit at 152-lbs.

The Cougars found themselves on the short end of five very close decisions against Paramus, while managing to win three very close bouts when Doran grabbed a 3-2 decision at heavy-weight, DiGiovanni earned a 4-2 decision at 120-lbs and Tompkins snatched an overtime sudden victory at 170-lbs. Murray won via forfeit at 160-lbs. Cappello (182) seized a 5-1 decision.

Capece (106) lost 3-1, Scorese (120) dropped a 6-4 decision and Concina (132) dropped a 2-1 burner. Busch lost 4-1 at 138-lbs and Ballas was scorched, 3-2, at 195-lbs. Paramus won an 11-2, major decision at 145-lbs and received a forfeit at 152-lbs.

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## Patrick School Tops Blue Devils

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once again took charge, closing out the quarter by scoring nine of the next 11 points and taking a 43-34 lead into the fourth.

In the fourth quarter, Westfield made several pushes at the Celtics but could never draw closer than seven points. Missed free throws continued to haunt the Blue Devils. The Patrick School opened up its biggest lead of 14 points at 56-42 when Irby scored on a lay-up and was fouled with 2:22 remaining.

"I think the key factors that contributed to our losing the game today were poor free throw shooting and our failure to box out their players on the boards," said Westfield Head Coach Liz McKeon. "There were some times during their run in the second quarter when we got trapped with the ball in the corners and it disrupted our offense and led to turnovers. We needed to do a better job of keeping the ball out of those areas of the court. The other team scored 24 points against us in the second quarter. It is very hard to come back and win a game when you allow that many points in a given quarter of play."

The victory improved The Patrick School's record to 12-5, while

Westfield dropped to 8-5. Blue Devil Amelia Montes finished with six points and seven rebounds, Shannon Devitt had six rebounds and a blocked shot and Hannah Liddy had four points, four steals and three rebounds. Jamie Miller and Abby Demers each had two points.

The game marked the final regular season home game for a trio of talented Blue Devil seniors. Miller, Knapp and Scott were honored prior to the start of the contest with each player receiving flowers and getting the chance to stand at half court with their parents as Coach McKeon read off their individual accomplishments.

"I can't say enough about these three seniors," said McKeon. "Jamie is a four year letter winner, who came back to us this year after suffering a really bad knee injury last year. She is a tireless worker and an inspiration. Jack [Knapp] had a thousand points as a junior and has always been just a really positive force on the floor. Of course, Lillian Scott is another thousand-point scorer as a junior. She will be remembered as one of the best players ever to come through this program."

Patrick School	7	24	12	17	60
Westfield	10	8	16	13	47



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**HONORING SPFF GRIDDERS...** On January 13, over 80 football players, coaches and families attended the 2014 SPFFHS Football Season Dinner at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Pictured are the 20 Class of 2015 Players. Most came through the SP-FPAL Football program, coached by Head Coach Russ Yeager since their second grade year. SPFF PAL honored these young men by presenting each of them with an individual game action picture. Pictured with the Class of 2015 Players Scotch Plains Police Department Detective Shawn Johnson, SPFF PAL Representative and SPFFHS Freshman Football Coach.

## Cougar Wrestlers Tumble Gov. Liv. Highlanders, 48-18

The Cranford High School wrestling team routed the Governor Livingston Highlanders, 48-18, in

Cranford on January 28. The Cougars yielded only three head-to-head bouts and one forfeit and two of the losses were by one point.

Highlander Turner Haddad pulled out a 5-4 decision over Brian McGovern at 145-lbs and Sam Burke squeaked a 3-2 decision over Cougar Dylan Budnik at 170-lbs. Highlander heavyweight Sean Tomlinson pinned Kevin Doran in 1:26 and Nick Mele, the Union County champ at 113-lbs, received a forfeit.

The match began in the 106-lb class and Cougar Anthony Capece racked up a 12-2 majority decision over Jake Pecorelli. At 120-lbs, Tom DiGiovanni pinned Chris Sergio in 3:03 then Chris Scorese claimed a 15-0, 5:47 technical fall over Andrew Gallitelli at 126-lbs. Vince Concina pinned Austin Senkarik in 1:15 at 132-lbs and Dave Busch earned a 7-4 decision over Quinn Haddad at 138-lbs.

At 152-lbs, Gavin Murray showed Nick DeLuca the lights in 1:45 then Andrew Tompkins grabbed a 9-1, majority decision over Mike Rhodes at 160-lbs. Niko Cappello received a forfeit at 182-lbs then Nick Ballas defeated Jack Blasch, 5-3, at 195-lbs. At 220-lbs, Alex Esposito pinned Spencer Marke in 4:26.

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# LaCORTE BUCKETS 18 POINTS, MELE PUTS IN 10 PTs Blue Devil Boys Use Long Ball To Stop Union Cagers, 58-47

**By ALEX LOWE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

The Westfield High School boys' basketball team scored a key, 58-47, victory over Union County Conference Mountain Division rival Union on January 30 at the Louis Rettino Gymnasium in Union. The Blue Devils sank eight 3-pointers during the game, including four from Matt LaCorte, who led all scorers with 18 points. Westfield also got some clutch

between the two teams, forging a 52-41 victory on January 18 in Westfield. This time around the script would be pretty similar with the Blue Devils jumping out to an early lead and fending off every Union challenge. The Blue Devils matched the host Farmers by playing a fast tempo transition style of offense in the first quarter, while mixing in some deadly long range 3-point shooting to gain separation. A baseline corner 3-pointer by

without a fight. Led by their leading scorer Tevin Service (15.3 points per game, 5.2 rebounds, 1.6 assists), the Farmers made runs at the Westfield lead throughout the third quarter. After three periods of play, Westfield hung on to a precarious 41-39 advantage. In the fourth quarter though, the Blue Devils slowly rebuilt their lead on the strength of solid free throw shooting and another timely 3-pointer by LaCorte, which gave Westfield a 49-42, lead with 2:48 remaining.

Service drained a baseline 3-pointer that pulled Union to within six, 53-47 with just :44 remaining in the game. But Westfield sealed the game by converting five of six free throws over the last 40 seconds to provide the final margin of victory. "I credit the poise of our guards Danny Mitchell and Owen Murray," said Palmieri. "When we needed to slow down and run something from our offensive sets, they did a really good job. Sometimes when you have guards that are capable of scoring, you've got to take the good with the bad but tonight they were outstanding."

Westfield's defense did a good job containing Service. After torching the Blue Devils for 22 points in their earlier encounter, Service managed just 15 in this game and was held to just five rebounds as Westfield did a good job in limiting second shot opportunities. "We've gotten used to playing games against bigger, taller opponents," said Palmieri. "We are who we are. Our tallest player is Owen Murray at 6'4" and he plays in our backcourt."

Mele finished with 10 points, while Murray and Mitchell added eight points each. Sean Elliott sank seven points and Boutsikaris had five. Jordan Roberson pulled 10 rebounds and added nine points for the Farmers. The win improved Westfield to 8-5 on the year while Union dropped to 8-6.

Westfield 12 20 9 17 58  
Union 9 14 16 8 47



Alex Lowe for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**FOCUSING ON HIS FREE THROW...Blue Devil Danny Mitchell concentrates on his free throw in the game against the Union Farmers won by Westfield, 58-47.**

free throw shooting down the stretch, draining 12 of 14 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter to keep Union at bay.

"We shot terribly from the foul line the first time we played them," said Blue Devil Head Coach Daryl Palmieri. "So this was a definite improvement over that performance."

Westfield won the earlier meeting

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**TRYING TO GET A TILT...Cougar Dave Busch, top, attempts to turn Blue Devil Brian Bass to his back with a wrist lock and an arm pry pipewrench lever in his 138-lb bout. Busch pinned Bass with a double arm bar walkover in 4:53.**

## Cougars Pounce on Blue Devils in Wrestling, 52-13

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kind of excited, so I went out and got the fall for the team. I got the win record for Cranford High School. I feel honored. I had good coaches all four years. They were brand new when I was a freshman, so it's pretty cool to do it along with them and to know that I am ahead of some of these tough competitors from Cranford," Murray said.

Murray, however, is not done with accomplishing additional goals. "When I was in eighth grade, my

### No. 9 RC Lions Beat Lady Cougars, 51-37

The No. 9 Roselle Catholic High School girls basketball team defeated the Cranford Cougars, 51-37, in Cranford on January 29. The Lady Lions jumped out to a 14-point, 22-8, first-quarter lead and maintained that separation until the final buzzer.

Allieya Cabbage led the Lions with 14 points, while Dulapo Balgun and Tyffani McQueen each netted 11 points. Cerys MacLelland led the Cougars with 15 points, Erin Meixner and Lindsay pace each sank six points, Bela Speer and Caroline McCaffrey each scored four points and Maya Lawler added two points.

Roselle Catholic 22 8 7 14 51  
Cranford 8 13 8 8 37

dad and I talked goals I wanted to achieve in high school and this was one. State title is another, so I have to do that one now. I am excited for it," Murray said.

Another closely observed bout was between Cougar Chris Scorese and John Fuller at 126-lbs. Scorese had defeated Fuller, 7-1, for the UCT title but this bout was much closer. After Scorese recorded a low single leg takedown and an escape, Fuller escaped and made several close takedown attempts but Scorese held on to win, 3-1.

"It was definitely a lot closer than counties. I got the takedown again. It was close at the end. He almost took me down, but I kept on wrestling. He was definitely more defensive, because he knew I was coming in for a low outside shot. So I had to work my setups more, because I wasn't going to get it by shooting in. I was hand fighting and set it up a lot better," Scorese said.

The first bout of the evening (220-lbs) had Blue Devil Cotter Spurlock recording a five-point double leg to back takedown and adding a nearfall and another takedown to record a 10-1, major decision. Cougar Kevin Doran received a forfeit at heavy-weight then Cougar Anthony Capece recorded a takedown and a reversal to top Chris Hoerle, 4-1, at 106-lbs.

At 113-lbs, Blue Devil Zach Rabinowitz performed a barrel roll to a front arm bar to pin Jake Quinn at the buzzer to end the first period. Cougar Tom DiGiovanni (120-lbs) recorded five takedowns and a reversal to earn a 12-4, major decision over Dan Hoerle. Cougar Vince Concina used a Turk Ride and a Jacob's Hook to pin Al Dente in 1:12 at 132-lbs. Cougar Dave Busch (138-lbs) pinned Brian Bass in 4:53 with a double arm bar walkover then Brian McGovern (145-lbs) used a Turk Ride to a head smother to pin Ben Kwok in 1:34.

Cougar Josh DeChillo (160-lbs) recorded an 8-3 decision over Doug Smith, Niko Cappello received a forfeit at 182-lbs and Nick Ballas recorded a double leg lift takedown and an escape to defeat Blue Devil Phil Ricca, 3-1, at 195-lbs.

**BOUT SEQUENCE:**  
220: — Spurlock (W) md Esposito, 10-1  
Hwt: — Doran (C) won forfeit  
106: — Capece (C) d Hoerle, 4-1  
113: — Rabinowitz (W) p Quinn, 2:00  
120: — DiGiovanni (C) md Hoerle, 12-4  
126: — Scorese (C) d Fuller, 3-1  
132: — Concina (C) p Dente, 1:12  
138: — Busch (C) p Bass, 4:53  
145: — McGovern (C) p Kwok, 1:34  
152: — Murray (C) p Miller, 1:20  
160: — DeChillo (C) d Smith, 8-3  
170: — Gozdzieski (W) d Tompkins, 4-3,  
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195: — Ballas (C) d Ricca, 3-1

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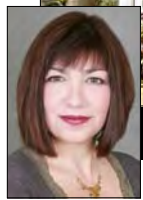


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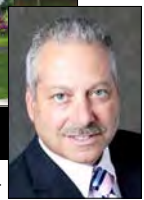


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Susan Devaney

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## NJ Housing Resource Offers Help for Edgewater Survivors

TRENTON - New Jerseyans who may be displaced from their homes due to damage from the recent fire at Avalon Apartments in Edgewater, New Jersey, are encouraged to use an online housing locator to help them quickly find affordable transitional or long-term housing. The New Jersey Housing Resource Center (HRC), located on the web at www.NJHRC.gov, is a free service to people in search of affordable housing and to landlords who are looking to provide housing. People without Internet access can call the bilingual toll-free number 1-877-428-8844 for help using this service.

Launched in 2005, the HRC website was created by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) to provide a central location for people to search for affordable housing in New Jersey. The HMFA, an affiliated agency of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, continues to fund and support the website. The Agency has also partnered with the non-profit organization Socialserve.com to provide web-based and call center-based housing location services for disaster recovery efforts.

"The faster residents can find stable housing, the faster we can recover and rebuild from this devastating fire," said New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Richard E. Constable, III, who is chair of the HMFA. "It is critical that as many housing options as possible be made available to people displaced by the fire. Therefore, we are encouraging property providers to do two things. First, we are asking them to consider adjusting lease terms to help quickly accommodate housing needs. Second, we are urging them to log on to the HRC website to take advantage of this free and easy way to promote their open units."

The HRC website is being updated on a daily basis. The site consolidates rental resources identified and provided by the New Jersey Apartment Association, New Jersey

Association of Realtors, landlords, and others to help individuals and families find available rental units in their area. Currently, there are more than 2,200 housing opportunities available on the HRC website throughout the State of New Jersey. "Updates and adding new listings will continue for the weeks to come," said HMFA Executive Director Anthony L. Marchetta. "Quickly stabilizing these impacted residents' lives will help them return to a semblance of normal and give them the foundation they need to recover from being displaced from their homes."

To ensure that displaced residents can find stable housing quickly, the Christie Administration is urging all property providers to list available rental housing by going to www.NJHRC.gov and clicking on "Add Housing." The process of listing an available unit takes about 10 minutes, is completely free and can be done online or by calling 1-877-428-8844.

The HMFA is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of affordable housing throughout New Jersey. Its financing programs support traditional affordable rental and for-sale housing developments, first-time and urban homebuyers, citizens in senior and assisted living facilities, and residents with special needs. HMFA also administers the New Jersey Housing Resource Center, an online searchable registry of affordable and accessible housing located throughout New Jersey.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, after public hearing on December 17, 2014 granted approval for a minor subdivision. The property in question is owned by Konstruct Enterprises, at 67 Westfield Road, Fanwood, being Block 75 and Lot 2.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours. Mr. Dominic Verdic, Jr. Konstruct Enterprises 1801 East Second Street Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 1 T - 2/5/15, The Times Fee: \$16.83



DERBY SCOUTS...Webelos from Mountainside Pack No. 177 celebrate their participation in the Klondike Derby on January 31 in the Watchung Reservation. The Scouts, pictured left to right, are: Danny Whelan, Toby Pasternak, Jacob Quisumbing, Jimmy Whelan, Jack Huss, Marc Bailey and Jonathan Raimi.

## Dancer Moves to Protect Cell Phone Records in N.J.

TRENTON - The state of New Jersey says it should be able to view a person's cell phone billing records without a warrant. Assemblyman Ron Dancer says not so fast - "New Jersey citizens have a fundamental privacy right against unlawful search and seizure. Justice prevails when the scales are balanced between one's constitutional right and government's need to know."

As a result, the lawmaker has introduced legislation that requires law enforcement agencies to obtain a search warrant before accessing a telecommunications subscriber's personal information.

Recently, without a warrant, the state attempted to obtain the call-detail records of people who had contact with an Asbury Park Press man who was arrested on cocaine distribution charges. The state argued it should be permitted to bypass the warrant process and instead obtain a grand jury subpoena which is more

expedient. A Monmouth County Superior Court judge on Thursday ruled that a warrant is required to access cell phone records. It's likely the case will go before the state Supreme Court.

"Certainly we should arm law enforcement with every appropriate tool for pursuing alleged criminals, while safeguarding the constitutional privacy rights of our citizens," said Dancer, R-Ocean, Monmouth, Burlington and Middlesex. "It is important to note that, under current law, law enforcement agencies can have communication service providers preserve all records for up to six months with a simple request, until a search warrant is issued."

The bill revises the "New Jersey Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act" by requiring law enforcement to obtain a search warrant, rather than a grand jury or trial subpoena, prior to accessing a person's telecommunications personal information.

"This legislation places into state law a 1982 State Supreme Court decision (State v. Hunt) that individuals have privacy interests in their telephone billing records," said Dancer.

## Probatus Verus Honos

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-73 AWARDED TO: Forensic Psychology, Oakland, New Jersey

SERVICES: to provide Psychological Evaluation Services to the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Personnel and The Office of the Union County Prosecutor

PERIOD: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$22,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$23.97

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-65 amending (Resolution No. 2014-258)

AWARDED TO: Various Agencies Central Jersey Legal Services \$7,000.00

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless \$30,000.00

Urban League of Union County \$44,000.00

SERVICES: to provide housing relocation and stabilization services

PERIOD: March 31, 2015- April 30, 2015 COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

## CARING LEADERS...Imagine voted in its new Board of Trustee officers at its annual public board meeting January 12 at the James Ward Mansion in Westfield.

Pictured, from left to right, are: outgoing Chairman Keith Hertell of Westfield; incoming Vice-Chairwoman Lisa Wagner of Basking Ridge, vice-president business development officer at Connect One Bank; Board Chairman Stuart Arnold of Westfield and Board Secretary Erin Pettit. Not pictured is new Board Treasurer Jennifer Simpson of Westfield, interim president and Chief Executive Officer at Delcath Systems, Inc.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-75 AWARDED TO: Standard Insurance Company

SERVICES: SHORT Term and Long Term Disability Insurance Policy

PERIOD: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$246,540.12

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-83 amending (Resolution No. 2014-627)

AWARDED TO: Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C. of Florham Park, New Jersey

SERVICES: in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et al.

PERIOD: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-82 amending (Resolution No. 2014-744)

AWARDED TO: Florio, Perrucci, Steinhart & Fader of Roselle Park, New Jersey

SERVICES: in the matter entitled Laquan Kearney v. UC, et al.

PERIOD: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-68 AWARDED TO: Pharma Care Inc., of Clark, New Jersey

SERVICES: to provide pharmacy consulting services for the residents/patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital

PERIOD: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$22.44



HONORING OUR COUNTRY...Barbara Krause of Cranford and her nephew, Michael Smith of Johnstown, Pa., stand at the base of the World War I flagpole at Post Office Plaza in Cranford. While serving in the U.S. Army, Mr. Smith arranged to have an American flag flown at the State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Team Headquarters in Mosul, Iraq, and then shipped back to Cranford to be flown for the "Rededication Ceremony" of the restored flagpole on November 8, 2008. Mr. Smith and his aunt stopped by the flagpole site during Mr. Smith's recent visit to Cranford.

## Iraq Vet Visits Cranford; Sees Rededicated Flagpole

CRANFORD - Michael P. Smith, a native of Johnstown, Pa. and a 2006 West Point Military Academy graduate, recently visited Cranford for the first time to spend time with his aunt, Cranford resident Barbara Krause. One thing he was anxious to see in town was the World War I flagpole at Post Office Plaza.

While Mr. Smith was serving in Iraq, Mrs. Krause was serving on the Cranford Flagpole Restoration Committee, which was charged with raising the funds in 2007-2008 to restore the Town Flagpole. It had been removed several years earlier and had fallen into major disrepair after being erected in 1918 during World War I to honor the U.S. military.

Flag Committee member Paul LaCorte donated a nine-foot by 12-foot flag that was shipped to then-Lieutenant Smith, who arranged for the flag to be flown at Mosul, Iraq, where he was stationed in the Army.

He then had it shipped back to Cranford to be flown for the "Rededication Ceremony" of the restored flagpole on November 8, 2008. Lt. Smith's aunt had his name honored on the bronze plaque at the base of the pole, as are the other donors and memorials. After five years of service, Mr. Smith left the military with the rank of captain and is now a third-year law student at Georgetown University Law School.

The flag was accompanied from Iraq by a certificate with seal stating, "This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Team Headquarters in Mosul, Iraq on October 26, 2008 to honor those who have served and sacrificed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This flag is proudly presented to the citizens of Cranford, New Jersey to commemorate the Original 1918 Flagpole."

## Nina Et Cetera Band Due At Garwood Library

GARWOOD - The band Nina Et Cetera will perform at the Garwood Public Library on Thursday, February 26, at 7 p.m.

Nina Romano, front-woman for the band, is a singer-songwriter from Sayville, N.Y. whose influences are Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Dusty Springfield, Johnny Cash and The Velvet Underground. Ms. Romano is a virtuoso on guitars, vocals, piano, harmonica, auto-harp, lap-steel and synthesizer. Her band has performed live throughout Long Island and the tri-state area, doing three or four shows per week over the past summer.

The program will feature the love songs of Johnny Cash, the Carter Family, Patsy Cline, Elvis Presley, Peggy Lee, Hank Williams and much more. Registration is required for this event and may be done in person at the library, by calling (908) 789-1670 or at the library's interactive calendar found on its website, youseemore.com/garwood.

The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street. Hours of business are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

## W-H Students, Parents Learn from College Reps

EDISON - Students and parents at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School (W-H) in Edison attended College Night on January 22 and benefited from the expertise of representatives from Columbia University, Dickinson College, Rutgers University and Villanova University.

The evening began with a presentation by Bill Tetz, the director of College Tours, who spoke about

the bus tour of colleges to Boston available to W-H students in June. That was followed by an ice breaker that had groups of students and parents determining the order of importance of criteria in the application process.

The college reps told the audience which criteria they considered important at their schools. The panel then answered some broad questions asked by Susan Swenson, director of College Counseling, followed by a question-and-answer session for the audience.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-84 amending (Resolution No. 2014-931)

AWARDED TO: Kologi Simitz of Linden, New Jersey

SERVICES: in the matter entitled Shiquon Fowler v. UC, et al.

PERIOD: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$30,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-62 AWARDED TO: Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey

SERVICES: to provide case management and mental health services for juveniles in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center

PERIOD: October 1, 2014- December 31, 2014 COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$44,076

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-89 AWARDED TO: Judith L. DiAntonio

SERVICES: for Court Reporting Services

PERIOD: January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015 COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders 1 T - 02/05/15, The Leader Fee: \$20.91



# Genealogical Soc. to Offer Look at Italian Research

WESTFIELD — Italian Genealogy Research will be the topic when the Genealogical Society of the West Fields welcomes Anthony Festa at its meeting on Thursday, February 12, at 1 p.m. It will take place at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

Mr. Festa will outline basic Italian research in a three-part presentation. He will explore strategies for determining the home village in Italy from which an ancestor hailed, which is critical in beginning to reach back in time in Italy for effective research. He will continue with a survey of Italian Civil Records. The availability of records and where they are found will be discussed. The third part of the program will include the methods used to access and study church records.

Mr. Festa is a self-taught genealogist who began his quest for his family's roots while still in college. He has continued his study and research while working in New York in business consulting and raising a young family.

He is a member of the Italian Genealogy Group, the Italian Genealogy Society of America, the Hudson County Genealogical Society, and the Guild of One-Name Studies. He also acts as a volunteer for Find A Grave in Somerset County.

The meeting will be open to the public with no registration necessary. Following the presentation will be light refreshments and an opportunity to meet briefly to ask questions of the speaker. Anyone with questions may call Society President Nancy L. Humphrey at (908) 612-6029.



WINTER WALK... Trailside naturalist Becky Novorro guides a group of visitors on a walk to search for animal homes and hideouts last winter. Special February Festivities programming will be featured at Trailside during the Presidents' Day holiday weekend, February 13 to 16. For a complete listing of programs, including dates, times and fees, call (908) 789-3670 or view Trailside's winter brochure online at ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

## Frozen Fun Among Events At Trailside February 13-16

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation are offering special February Festivities programming at Trailside Nature and Science Center during the Presidents' Day holiday weekend, February 13 to 16.

Featured for free this year on Sunday, February 15, at 5 p.m., will be a showing of Disney's sing-along version of *Frozen* outdoors on the big screen. Surrounded by campfires, families can enjoy hot chocolate while watching the movie. Participants are encouraged to arrive early, at 4 p.m., to watch Kathy Murarik of the New Jersey Sled Dog Club demonstrate the working skills of her sled dog team.

Visitors also are invited to join in a Twilight Winter Walk with a Trailside naturalist before the movie begins.

Kicking off the holiday weekend on Friday, February 13, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., for adults age 18 and older, will be a reenactment entitled "Franklin D. Roosevelt." Neil Hartley will portray F.D.R. in a fully-staged historical presentation of the background behind his famous December 29, 1940 address that implored: "We must be an arsenal for democracy." This program is sponsored in part by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. There is no fee to attend; however, donations are appreciated.

On Saturday, February 14, at 1:15 p.m., families can learn what turtles and snakes have in common and where they go for the winter months. They also will have a chance to meet

live snakes and turtles from Trailside's reptile collection.

At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, families will see how 100-percent real maple syrup is made from the sap of a sugar maple tree in "The Journey of Sap to Syrup," which will include a tasting. This program will be offered again on Monday, February 16, at 2:30 p.m.

"The Journey of Sap to Syrup" and "Snakes and Turtles of New Jersey" are recommended for families with children age 5 and older. The fee for these two programs is \$5 per person for Union County residents and \$6 per person for non-county residents.

On Monday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m., "Fantasy, Illusion and Magic" will showcase Joe Fischer in a fast-paced show blending magic, audience participation, comedy and excitement. This matinee is recommended for ages 4 and older and admission is \$5 per person. Tickets go on sale at 1 p.m. before the matinee. No strollers will be permitted in the auditorium.

For additional information about February Festivities programming or any upcoming programs and special events, call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucnj.org/trailside.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

### Library Offers Movies On Tuesday Evenings

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Public Library invites the community to Tuesday Night Movies in the library's Community Room. Weekly movies are mostly selected from recent, first-run, critically-acclaimed films from the library's catalog of DVDs.

This month's selection includes *Chef*, starring Jon Favreau, Robert Downey Jr. and Scarlett Johansson, on February 10.

The featured film on February 17 will be the documentary from 2010 entitled *Gasland*, starring Josh Fox, Dick Cheney and Pete Seeger.

*The Hundred-Foot Journey*, starring Helen Mirren, Om Puri, Manish Dayal and Charlotte LeBon, will be screened on February 24.

All movies start at 6:30 p.m. and are offered free of charge. The Mountainside Public Library is located at One Constitution Plaza. For more information, call (908) 233-0115.

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-15000103  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-030950-12  
Plaintiff: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICES, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
VS.  
Defendant: 354 NORTH GARWOOD ASSOC., LLC; GIUSEPPE AMATO A/K/A JOSEPH AMATO, INDIVIDUALLY; WACHOVIA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION N/A WELLS FARGO BANK, NA., GARWOOD KITCHENS & BATHS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
Sale Date: 03/04/2015  
Writ of Execution: 12/04/2013

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine and 01/100\*\*\* \$859,239.01  
Property to be sold is located in: Borough of Garwood, County of Union, in State of New Jersey.  
Premises Commonly Known As: 354 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey 07027.  
Tax Lot # 26, Block # 111  
Approximate Dimensions: 50 feet x 150 feet. Nearest Cross Street: Walnut Street.

\*Also subject to subsequent taxes, water and sewer plus interest through date of payoff.  
Total Upset: \*\*\*Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Six and 79/100\*\*\* \$897,226.79 together with lawful interest and costs.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
Joseph Cryan  
Sheriff

Attorney: PARKER MC CAY  
PO BOX 5054  
9000 MIDATLANTIC DRIVE  
SUITE 300  
MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054  
(856) 596-8900  
4 T - 02/05, 02/12, 02/19  
& 02/26/15  
Fee: \$175.44

## Francis M. Smith, Esq. Urges Motorists To Practice Safe Winter Driving

MOUNTAINSIDE — Driving in New Jersey on any work day or weekend in January 2015 has been especially treacherous. One 27-year-old driver's life was spared when a semi truck lost control on black ice on the New Jersey Turnpike in Plainsboro Township. Within minutes his life was spared again when a second articulated tractor trailer lost control and jack-knifed, narrowly missing Mr. Varavko's vehicle. The driver, Oleg Varavko, captured the scene on video.



Francis M. Smith

The National Weather Service has declared "Hazardous Weather Outlooks for Northeast New Jersey" several times throughout the month. During these periods drivers can expect speed restrictions prompted by extremely dangerous driving conditions on major highways including the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike.

Northern New Jersey winter temperatures fluctuate wildly between single digits and into the 40s within days, creating multiple driving hazards. When roads freeze, thaw, and re-freeze, careless drivers can easily cause serious crashes that can lead to debilitating car accident injuries.

The most common reasons why people cause motor vehicle accidents during winter months include:

Improper removal of snow on motor vehicle windows, lights, brake lights, mirrors, roof, hood and signals.

Distracted driving — 85 percent of crashes occur within three seconds of a driver's distraction.

Speeding.  
Delay in braking or improper braking.

Careless driving, such as not slowing down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas that may be covered in ice or black ice.

Improper vehicle maintenance for windshield wipers, defrosters, tire tread, tire pressure, and improper windshield washer fluid when not using high-quality, "no-freeze" washer fluid.

**Potholes**  
Driving hazards increase as the winter progresses and potholes increase in number and grow in size. Traffic and puddles of standing water on the road may conceal potholes until the last minute, which can result in drivers swerving suddenly to avoid a gaping pothole, potentially causing an accident.

**Black Ice**  
Even when it starts to warm up during the day, temperatures often fall below freezing at night. If water remains on the road, it can easily turn

into black ice, which is notoriously hard to spot. Black ice is a particular hazard on bridges and overpasses, which freeze more quickly than other parts of the road. Stopping on icy roads can take nine times longer to stop as it does on a dry road. Careful drivers leave adequate following distance behind other vehicles, and reduce speed in places where black ice might be present.

### We Hold Negligent Drivers Responsible

Unfortunately, not all drivers are as lucky as Oleg Varavko was on that Monday, January 19, 2015 — Martin Luther King Day. According to the Association for Safe International Road Travel, over 37,000 people die in road crashes each year in the U.S., and 2.35 million are injured or disabled.

Under the law, New Jersey drivers have an obligation to drive safely and take into account winter weather conditions, including snow, ice and slush.

"Unfortunately, too many New Jersey motor vehicle accident victims find that their insurers impede their access to the medical care and therapy they require following a serious accident," reports Francis M. Smith, Esq., a personal injury attorney with offices in Mountainside, Morristown and Annandale, N.J. "Even though they have been diligent in paying their insurance premiums, when they deserve to settle on fair compensation for their injuries, they often feel they are David fighting Goliath," he adds. "That's why many injured clients seek representation from an experienced personal injury attorney who, by working exclusively with injured clients and insurance companies, can avoid the pitfalls and pursue the medical and therapeutic relief due to the accident victim, and then be compensated appropriately if another driver's negligence was the cause of the injuries," he reports.

About Francis M. Smith, N.J. Personal Injury Attorney

Francis M. Smith, Esq. handles all types of personal injury cases throughout northern New Jersey. More information on Francis M. Smith is available at <http://www.FrankSmithLaw.com>.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-14006395  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-38503-09  
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
VS.  
Defendant: MOHAMED BOTO; KARINA G. BOTO

Date: 02/18/2015  
Writ of Execution: 10/08/2014  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Four Hundred thirty-One thousand Five Hundred Seventy and 49/100\*\*\* \$431,570.49  
Property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey.  
Premises commonly known as: 1811 Boynton Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090-1706.  
BEING KNOWN as lot 13, Block 5711 on the official Tax Map of the Town of Westfield.  
Dimensions: 100 x 63 x 100 x 63  
Nearest Cross Street: Maryland Street.  
Total Upset: \*\*\*Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen and 78/100\*\*\* \$550,413.78 together with lawful interest and costs.

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.  
The purchase is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.  
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
Joseph Cryan  
Sheriff

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & DIAMOND, PC  
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& 02/12/15  
Fee: \$187.68

### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-14005971  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-017830-13  
Plaintiff: 1ST 2ND MORTGAGE CO. OF N.J., INC.  
VS.  
Defendant: RUSTICA DORIA

Date: 02/11/2015  
Writ of Execution: 10/28/2014  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine and 69/100\*\*\* \$192,189.69  
MUNICIPALITY: Scotch Plains Township  
COUNTY: UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
STREET & STREET NO: 192 Mountainview Avenue  
TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 3801, LOT: 5  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 50 feet x 100 feet  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Byrd Avenue  
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

Total Upset: \*\*\*Two Hundred Six Thousand Fifteen and 12/100\*\*\* \$206,015.12 together with lawful interest and costs.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

**Westfield**  
Wednesday, January 28, Tenisha Moore, 24, of Irvington was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on West North Avenue near Tuttle Parkway on an active Paramus traffic warrant with \$89 bail. Moore was released on her own recognizance by the Borough of Paramus.

Thursday, January 29, Charandee Randhawa, 28, of Iselin responded to police headquarters to satisfy an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant with \$114 bail. He was processed and released after posting the full cash bail.

Thursday, January 29, an Irvington resident reported the theft of a wallet and cell phone between the hours of noon and 4:58 p.m. that day while working on the 100 block of Elm Street. Stolen was a brown leather wallet containing \$450 in U.S. currency; a T Mobile Samsung Galaxy S4 cell phone and a black cell phone case. According to police, the wallet subsequently was located on the 100 block of Central Avenue, although the cash had been stolen. The total value of the theft is \$1,350.

Friday, January 30, Andrew Miller, 20, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Hamilton Avenue near Prospect Street and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS), identified by police as less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

Friday, January 30, Toni M. Kurdes, 41, of Colonia was arrested and charged with shoplifting \$440 worth of merchandise from a business located on the 600 block of West North Avenue. Kurdes was transported to police headquarters, processed and released with a summons with a mandatory court date in Superior Court in Elizabeth.

Friday, January 30, Westfield authorities responded to the Neptune Township Police Department to take custody of Jameson Desroches, 22, of Asbury Park on an outstanding Westfield criminal warrant with bail of \$2,500. He later was transported to the Union County jail after being unable to post bail. A court appearance was scheduled for today, February 5.

Sunday, February 1, Alberto Goncalves, 18, of Westfield was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of Clifton Street near Central Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released after being issued a summons.

Sunday, February 1, Shawna Morgan-Smith, 34, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an active Westfield traffic warrant pursuant to a motor

vehicle stop on West North Avenue near West Dudley Avenue. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting \$120 bail.

**Scotch Plains**  
Thursday, January 22, a teacher at Park Middle School reported the theft of her cell phone. The theft occurred sometime during the school day.

Thursday, January 22, a resident of Country Club Lane reported that someone had opened packages left for him and removed the contents.

Friday, January 23, a resident of Plainfield Avenue reported being the victim of fraud. The victim was informed via her bank that two checks had been written in the amount of \$16,000 and deposited into another account.

Tuesday, January 27, between the hours of 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. two different victims reported that their motor vehicles had been broken into while at a fitness establishment on Lamberts Mill Road. One victim reported that nothing was missing while the other victim said a Michael Kors purse, wallet and cash had been taken.

**Fanwood**  
Monday, January 12, Adrian Sharp, 20, of Port Murray was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop.

Monday, January 19, Timothy Hagerty, 63, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after he was involved in a one-car accident where his motor vehicle struck the building at the corner of South and Martine Avenues, according to police.

Tuesday, January 20, Ogechi Enweremadu, 51, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Middletown following a motor vehicle stop.

Wednesday, January 21, Donyea Bradley, 23, of Newark and Tyshan Allen, 25, of Elizabeth were arrested on outstanding Elizabeth warrants following a motor vehicle stop. Bradley was released after posting bail, while Allen was turned over to the Elizabeth Police Department.

Thursday, January 22, Dylan Vasser, 21, of Boonton was arrested on an active warrant out of Clifton. Vasser was released after posting bail.

Friday, January 23, Damien Jones, 30, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an outstanding warrant following a motor vehicle stop. He was turned over to the Scotch Plains Police Department.

Sunday, January 25, Andre Powell, 29, of Piscataway was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension and multiple motor vehicle violations during a motor vehicle stop and providing police with a false identity.

## Dental Disease and Your Pets: Proper Oral Care Is Vital

WESTFIELD — Dental disease is the most common disease diagnosed in dogs and cats. Unchecked dental disease can lead to serious health problems such as heart, kidney or liver disease. Many of these problems can be avoided by routine professional dental care by your veterinarian and good preventative care at home.

One of the first signs of dental disease is bad breath. Another common sign is a yellowish-brown coating on teeth, called plaque, which needs to be removed before it progresses to more serious dental disease. Other signs include loss of appetite, difficulty eating, pain, red or swollen gums and loose or missing teeth.

When these signs occur, a dental procedure is necessary. This procedure is more involved in pets because we cannot tell them to keep their mouths open, rinse, and spit as our dentist instructs us. Therefore, pets require anesthesia and careful monitoring before, during and after the procedure to ensure safety. On the other hand, the instruments and techniques used are quite similar to the ones used on people.

Preventative care is the best medicine to ensure your pet's teeth remain healthy. Daily brushing is ideal to

prevent dental disease, but make sure you use veterinary toothpaste, as human toothpaste can prove toxic if swallowed. However, if brushing is not possible, there are a variety of

other products and specially formulated diets. The Academy of Veterinary Dentistry recommends Hill's Science Diet TD as the food of choice. Make sure you have your pet's teeth examined by your veterinarian at all routine examinations to ensure they have a bright smile, too!

Westfield Animal Hospital at 357 South Avenue East is a full-service animal hospital that provides preventative dental care as

well as dental procedures. Dr. Scott Linick is the hospital's veterinary dental specialist. Dr. Linick is a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry, one of only 95 Fellows worldwide. He is trained in advanced dental procedures and strongly believes that a healthy mouth provides pets with healthier and happier lives. Call (908) 233-6030 today to schedule a dental procedure and visit [www.westfieldanimal.com](http://www.westfieldanimal.com) for February and March dental procedure specials!

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## Y Lunch and Learn to Focus On Healthy Eating/Aging

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Y will host a free Lunch and Learn lecture on Wednesday, February 11, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., entitled "Healthy Eating/Healthy Aging." Led by Registered Dietitian Lindsey Roth of ShopRite in Garwood, this program will take place at the Main Y Facility, located at 220 Clark Street, Westfield.

Ms. Roth will discuss special nutrient needs for older adults and how to adapt nutritional goals to support physical and mental health as individuals age.

As the in-store registered dietitian at ShopRite in Garwood, Ms. Roth helps promote and encour-

age healthy living through a balanced diet and proper nutrition.

This event will be free and available to all. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. Interested persons are asked to register in person at the Welcome Center of the Main Y Facility or online if they are a Westfield Area Y member.

For more information, contact Jean White at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 246, or by e-mail at [jwhite@westfieldynj.org](mailto:jwhite@westfieldynj.org).

To register online, or to learn more about Westfield Area Y programs, visit [westfieldynj.org](http://westfieldynj.org). Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.





**STATE LESSONS...**Fourth-grade students from McKinley Elementary School met with Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick of Westfield outside the State Capitol during the grade's recent field trip to Trenton, where he spent time answering their questions. The school's fourth-graders visit Trenton each year to tour the Capitol and the Revolutionary War Barracks in conjunction with their lessons on New Jersey and the Battle of Trenton. Pictured, Assemblyman Bramnick poses for pictures with the students and their teachers.

## Mount Saint Mary Students Win Honors in VFW Contest

WATCHUNG—Two students from Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung have been honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their submissions to the organization's annual Voice of Democracy contest. Sophomores Gabriela Alba of Springfield and Trisha Parayil of Bridgewater earned second and third places, respectively, for VFW Post 10122 in Scotch Plains. Ms. Alba also earned third place in Union County. Rionach McEwen of Scotch Plains, Jugdip Khokher of Iselin, Isabel Velarde of East Brunswick, and Michelle Ferrer of Mountainside whose pieces were nominated as well.

Voice of Democracy is a unique contest that requires students submit audio recordings of their original essays in addition to the written essays themselves. Submissions are judged based on the quality of the written piece, the strength of the overall message, and the impact of the student's presentation. Each year, the VFW selects a patriotic theme for students to contemplate. This year's theme was "Why Veterans are Important to our nation's History and Future." The students created their essays and recordings as part of their honors course work in American History.

Mount Saint Mary Academy is a Catholic, independent school which provides an exemplary college preparatory education for young women

in grades nine through 12. Founded in 1908 as a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy, the Mount remains committed to challenging each student to develop her fullest potential in a Christian atmosphere of love and caring.



### Local Students Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The following students from New Jersey have been named to the President's List for the Fall 2014 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.7-4.0.

Among the students named are Erica Bonanno and Angie Diaz of Cranford; and Brian Faitoute of Fanwood.



**DRY ICE...**Over 500 children and adults participated in this year's McKinley School Family Science Wonderland in Westfield. The event, called "A STEAM Odyssey", featured 18 different stations and experiments which challenged the kids in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art and math. Pictured, from left are: McKinley students Taylor Zinnie, Sophia Narciso and Samuel Wexler, joined by kindergartener Anthony Narciso (back), watch in anticipation as their dry ice changes from a solid to a gas, bypassing the liquid stage - a process called sublimation. The resulting pressure is seen building up inside a soap bubble.

## Christopher Academy Announces 2015 Enrollment

WESTFIELD—Christopher Academy, celebrating its 52nd year providing highest quality Montessori education, announces enrollment for the 2015-2016 academic year. Accredited by the American Montessori Society the school offers flexible programs for children ages two-and-a-half through seven years.

Christopher Academy adheres to the philosophy and holistic approach to education as set forth by Dr. Maria Montessori in 1906 when she founded her Casa dei Bambini in Rome, Italy. Following the development stages for each child our school offers an individualized approach in a warm and nurturing environment guided by our dedicated faculty and staff.

Each summer we offer two summer camp options. Our Summer

Program enrolls children from two-and-a-half through four years of age at our Westfield campus. Art, music and outdoor play are incorporated into this gentle introduction for the child into the Montessori environment.

Our Summer Camp enrolls children from three through seven years of age and is located at our spacious Scotch Plains campus. Art, music, cooking, science, outdoor and water play are featured at this camp led by Christopher Academy staff, faculty and competent and enthusiastic counselors.

Enrollment for the 2015-2016 academic year is ongoing and registration for summer camp will begin soon. Please visit our website [www.christopheracademy.com](http://www.christopheracademy.com) and our Facebook page for updates.

## Free Program For Adults On FDR to be Held at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present special programs for families and adults. To kick off the Presidents' holiday weekend, a free reenactment of part of the life of Franklin D. Roosevelt, for adults 18 years and older, at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, will be presented on Friday, February 13, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. as part of the February Festivities programming.

The date is December 29, 1940, and Franklin Roosevelt has just been re-elected to an unprecedented third term in office. But the world is in crisis. Europe and America may soon be drawn into war. Learn what President Roosevelt was thinking. Listen to his plea for the support of our Allies. Experience firsthand the history that shaped the United States. Neill Hartley, of the American Historical Theatre, portrays F.D.R. in a fully-staged historical presentation, which brings to life the background behind the

famous address that implored: "We must be an arsenal for democracy." This program is made possible in part by funding from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. The program is free but donations are welcomed.

"Here is a chance to relive historic events that happened 75 years ago, as history comes alive with this dramatic performance," said Freeholder Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more information about this workshop for adults and a complete listing of the February Festivities activities at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit [ucnj.org/trailside](http://ucnj.org/trailside).

### Carino Graduates From Technical Institute

EXTON, Pa. — Cranford native Brian Carino was recognized for his academic achievements at his recent graduation from Universal Technical Institute in Exton, Pa., the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians.

Mr. Carino graduated from UTI's Automotive Technology Program with Ford Accelerated Credential Training with a 3.91 GPA and 100 percent attendance. He received three "Student of the Course" awards, as well as seven Directors List Awards, and was nominated into the Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society. Upon graduating, Mr. Carino will continue his education in the BMW program.

"Our students take their training very seriously," said Bob Kessler, campus president of UTI-Exton. "Often there are many sacrifices that have to be made in order to pursue their technical program. There is work, life, and school balance that must be maintained in order to successfully complete their studies at UTI. Our graduates are technical experts that are chosen by industry and ready to work."



### Concordia Releases Fall Honors List

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Concordia University Ann Arbor officials released the Fall Honors List for the first semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Among the area students named to the list is senior Ryan Bjellquist-Ledger of Garwood.

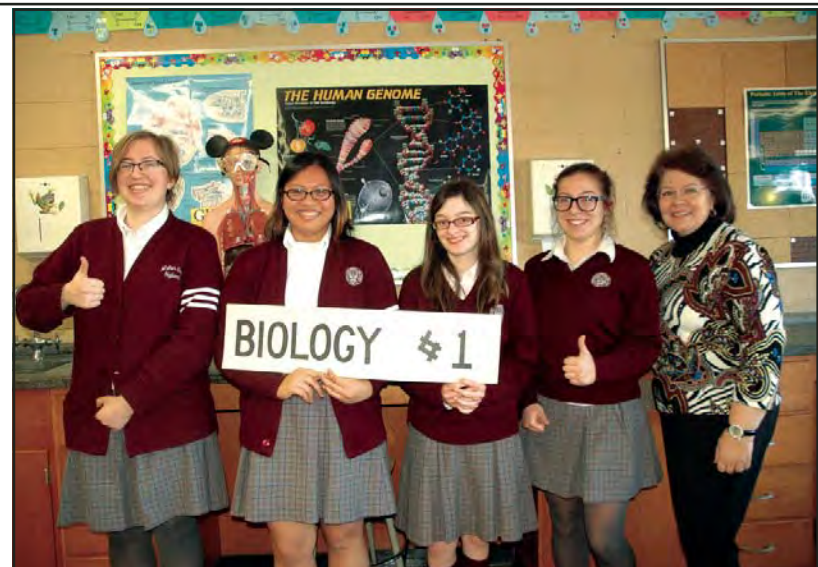
Founded in 1963, Concordia University Ann Arbor is affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The school is located on 187 acres alongside the Huron River.

### International Family Fun Night Held at W-H

EDISON — International Family Fun Night, the annual celebration of the many cultures of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, continued its tradition with another wonderful evening of great food, entertainment and fun for the whole family.

Students and their families enjoyed the international buffet, outstanding entertainment and other cultural activities at the January 23 event in the school's All Purpose Room. This year, saree wrapping and gele tying were introduced and quickly became popular crowd pleasers. All those who were dressed up in the beautiful Indian garments and African head wraps participated in an impromptu show on stage.

The event was organized by Bindu Dalal of Scotch Plains and Jen Schildge of Westfield.



**BIO CHAMPS...**The Biology I team from Mother Seton Regional High School captured first place at a recent science leagues competition. Pictured from left to right are: Anna Holland, Veronica Ravello-Pimentel, Gianna Lepanto, Jillian Frost, Mrs. Doris Vaian.

## Mother Seton Science Teams Sweep League Competitions

CLARK — Science teams from Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, captured first place honors in Biology I, Biology II, Chemistry and Physics at the New Jersey Science League Competitions.

The competition, held at Cranford High School is the first of four science league competitions. In addition to Mother Seton Regional High School, district competitors included Arthur L. Johnson High, Clark, Cranford

High School, Cranford and Johnathon Dayton High School, Springfield.

Mother Seton's Biology Team I and II are coached by Mrs. Doris Viana, science teacher, the Chemistry Team is coached by Mrs. Jing-Jing Wang and the Physics Team is coached by Mrs. Katherine Sullivan.

The students follow a rigorous honors curriculum as well as Advanced Placement level courses at Mother Seton Regional High School.

## Union Catholic to Host Special Needs Teen Night

SCOTCH PLAINS — Nancy Richardson Saggio '88, UC faculty member and Head Volleyball Coach, will be hosting a Special Needs Teen Night at Union Catholic on Friday, February 13 from 7 to 9 p.m., along with the C.R.A.Y.O.N Club (Community Raising Autism Yielding Opportunity Now). Any child aged 12 to 17 with special needs is welcome at this event, which will be run by the C.R.A.Y.O.N Club at UC and its co-moderators, Nancy Saggio and Cheryl Rossi, fellow UC faculty member. The night will include music, dancing, face painting, games, arts & crafts, snacks, water and juice.

This is the first time that this event is being held. Ms. Saggio, a mother of four, including a daughter Sammy, who is autistic, recognized the need for these types of events, both for

children with special needs and for their parents, who enjoy a respite night. Nancy notes that this night will give children with special needs the chance to socialize with regularly-abled children, and also give UC students the chance to see what children with special needs are like. The club running the event, the C.R.A.Y.O.N Club, is new to Union Catholic this year and was formed to raise Autism Awareness. Aside from Special Needs Teen Night, the club runs bake sales and other events to raise money to donate to Autism Speaks and other autism organizations.

For more information contact Ms. Saggio by email at [nsaggio@unioncatholic.org](mailto:nsaggio@unioncatholic.org).

For over 50 years, Union Catholic High School has earned its reputation as one of New Jersey's foremost Catholic secondary schools. For information, visit [unioncatholic.org](http://unioncatholic.org).



**WE LOVE BOOKS...**Third-grade students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison browse the selection of books at the Parents' Association Book Fair in the Oakwood Room. Pictured, from left to right, are: Hannah Yin of Scotch Plains, Simrah Razvi of Somerset, Naomi Valcourt of South Plainfield and Nidhin Kumar of Parlin.

## Kenilworth Hist. Soc. Plans Black History Celebration

KENILWORTH — A selection of inspiring African-American readings, music and art will highlight the Kenilworth Historical Society's Black History Month Celebration on Sunday, February 22.

The general public is invited to attend the event, which will take place at the newly restored Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center, located at 49 South 21st Street, Kenilworth.

The celebration, which is appropriate for all age groups, will begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free, but advance registration is requested by Sunday, February 15, by calling (908) 709-0434. Refreshments will be served.

The event will feature local David Brearley Middle and High School students conducting an African-American "Read-In," during which they will present a selection of inspirational poetry by various black authors. Members of the community, including multiple local churches, also will participate in the Read-In.

Additionally highlighting the celebration will be a performance of African-American spirituals sung by professional vocalists and Kenilworth residents Kerry and Betsy Stubbs, together with their children, Melody and Orion, who also are experienced performers.

In addition to bringing their musical talent to an extensive range of

venues and audiences throughout the year, Kerry and Betsy Stubbs are employed as teachers — Kerry as a music instructor for the Elizabeth Public School System and Betsy as a voice instructor for Kean University and Caldwell University. The Stubbs Family Singers have been performing together for several years and specialize in "a cappella" singing. Their repertoire of spirituals celebrates the African-American contribution to American music.

During the event, participants will have the opportunity to view an exhibition of original prints that were created by South African artists who participated in an art exchange program with students from David Brearley Middle and High School under the direction of local art instructor Janice Marsili. The artwork reflects the underlying value of art in bringing about social change and in promoting cross-cultural communications.

The African-American Read-In portion of the February 22 celebration is being coordinated by Nicole Warchol of the David Brearley English/Language Arts Department in conjunction with the Twenty-Fifth National African-American Read-In sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and NCTE.

For further information, call (908) 709-0434 or visit [kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org](http://kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org).



### Bentley Univ. Names Local Students To Honors Lists for Fall

WALTHAM, Mass. — Bentley University President Gloria Cordes Larson, along with Dean of Business Roy (Chip) Wiggins and Dean of Arts and Sciences Daniel L. Everett, recently announced the names of local residents who were honored for their outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2014 semester.

Eli Silverstein, a sophomore from Scotch Plains, was named to the Dean's List.

Andrew Skoog, a junior from Scotch Plains, was named to the Dean's List.

Kendall Fawcett, a junior from Scotch Plains, was named to the President's List.

Emily Ho, a sophomore from Scotch Plains, was named to the President's List.

Brett Ripberger, a sophomore from Westfield, was named to the Dean's List.

Bernadette Hopen, a junior from Westfield, was named to the President's List.

To be named to the President's List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher with no course grade below 3.0 during the term. To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.3 or higher with no course grade below 2.0 during the term.



### Bigand and Kvelin Make JMU Dean's List

HARRISONBURG, Va. — The Dean's list at James Madison University has been announced for the spring 2014 semester. Students who earn Dean's List honors must carry at least 12 credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.8.

Westfield resident, Kelley Bigand and Cranford resident Cameron Kvelin have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester. Ms. Bigand is a Junior whose major is Theatre and Dance. Mr. Kutzler is a freshman whose major is Marketing.

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**MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC...** On Sunday, February 8 at 4 p.m., professional singers from the adult choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield will perform a concert of Operatic Arias, Ensembles and Art Songs entitled *Voices of St. Paul's*. These include: (first row, from left) sopranos Julia Fernandez, Carey Hackett, Samantha Dango and Lyssandra Stephenson; plus (second row, from left) tenor Jeremy Blossy; and baritones David Murray and John-Andrew Fernandez. Tenor Brian Vandenberg will also perform with the group. Tickets at \$20 (suggested donation) are available at the door. Students and area parking are free. For more information, please contact St. Paul's Music Director Charles M. Banks at (908) 451-5082 or cbnj123@verizon.net.

## Voices of St. Paul's Concert Promises Vocal Treats

WESTFIELD—Voices of St. Paul's, a concert of Operatic Arias, Ensembles and Art Songs, will be presented by The Friends of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield on Sunday, February 8 at 4 p.m. The program includes works by Verdi, Puccini, Bellini and Sibelius, among others.

Eight professional, award-winning singers who are also members of the adult choir at St. Paul's will grace the concert stage for the performance. These include sopranos Julia Fernandez, Carey Hackett, Samantha Dango and Lyssandra Stephenson; tenors Jeremy Blossy and Brian Vandenberg; and baritones John-Andrew Fernandez and David Murray. Noted area pianist Fabio Bezuti will accompany the group.

The singers, who perform professionally throughout the tri-state area and, in many cases, North America and worldwide, are graduates of various, prestigious schools of music: The New England Conservatory of Music (Murray); the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University (Blossy); the Manhattan School of Music (Dango); the Mason Gross School of Music at Rutgers University (Hackett); SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music (Stephenson) and Westminster Choir College (JFernandez, JAFernandez, Vandenberg).

With opera and concert stage credits too numerous to mention, the singers have performed in some very in-

teresting settings and venues. For example, Ms. Dango is a National Anthem singer for the New Jersey Devils (Prudential Center, Newark, NJ); Mr. Blossy appeared as tenor soloist in concert at the Israeli and the Aschaffenburg (Germany) Opera Houses; Ms. Fernandez performed as soloist at the annual Interpretacion de la cancion Española in Granada, Spain; and the Festival of the Aegean in Greece; and Mr. Murray has performed with the Annapolis Choral and the Boston Pops, Keith Lockhart and John Williams conducting. As Editor and Publishing Manager for Subito Music Corporation, Murray is also recognized as one of the foremost editors of concert music in the music publishing industry.

Charles M. Banks, Director of Music at St. Paul's, says his adult choir is "exceptional." He applauds the singers who will perform as *Voices of St. Paul's* on February 8 at 4 p.m., advising that "they are among the finest voices in our area and way beyond."

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street, Westfield (near Euclid Avenue). Tickets are available at the door at \$20 (suggested donation). Students are welcome at no charge. Concert attendees are invited to a reception after the event. For more information, please contact Music Director Banks at (908) 451-5082 or cbnj123@verizon.net.

## NJWA Rock Groups Accepting New Members

WESTFIELD – The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) Rock Performance Workshop bands, *Spyked* and *El Guapo*, will be performing at *Rock'n' Joes* at the Union Train Station, 900 Green Lane, Union, on Saturday, February 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. An optional goodwill donation will be accepted in support of Kiva, which provides micro loans globally to create opportunity in situations of poverty.

The program is also announcing its enrollment period for the spring session which runs from February through May. This is a great opportunity for teen musicians to rock out with their peers, receive coaching and direction from professional musicians, and perform at rewarding concerts. The standard program accepts more advanced musicians with multiple years' experience. Performance sets for these groups tend to run one hour. Rehearsals are weekly for one-and-a-half hours on the weekend.

In the past year, bands such as *Wrong Direction*, *El Guapo*, *Spyked*, *Hurricane Zane*, and *Fang Thang* have played multiple charity events, *Spring Fling*, the *Crossroads* and more in front of large and enthusiastic crowds. Repertoire spans multiple rock genres depending on group members. Past concerts have featured music from Jimi Hendrix, Metallica, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rush, The Black Keys, and many more.

The NJWA also offers the *Intro to Rock Performance* program, intended for younger teens and pre-teens, that

meets for a shorter rehearsal and performs mini-concerts. Minimal experience is required for this program and it is a fun and appropriate way for young rock musicians to get involved in group practice and performance.

Both programs are enrolling vocalists, bassists, drummers, guitarists, and keyboardists. Saxophonists are also encouraged to apply and will be matched with musicians desiring to play the appropriate rock sub-genres.

Director Glen Brown, who is an established teacher and musician in the Westfield area with over 20 years experience, has been on faculty of NJ Workshop for the Arts for over a decade and is also on faculty of the Westminster Conservatory of Rider University. The bands are co-directed by John Bryan, an accomplished percussionist in the music field, who is well known in the New York, New Jersey and West Coast club scene. A member of the Whirling Dervishes, Mr. Bryan has opened for artists such as Patti Smith, the Fixx, Billy Squire, the Goo Goo Dolls, Jewel and The Romantics.

To find out more about the Rock Performance Workshop winter session starting in February, or the *Intro to Rock Performance* class which has an on-demand schedule, call (908) 789-9696 or visit the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield. Additional information is available on the web at [www.njworkshopforthearts.com](http://www.njworkshopforthearts.com).

## Crescent Concert Showcase to Feature Young Artists

PLAINFIELD—Sunday, February 8 at 3 p.m. is Crescent Concerts' Sixteenth Annual Showcase for Exceptional Young Artists at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. There are five outstanding performers this year: Albert Gu, age 13, is an eighth grader from Basking Ridge and plays the piano; Kelsey Lee is a middle schooler from Summit; Kingston Ho, the only violinist, hails from New Providence; Pauline Qin is a 14-year-old pianist from Bridgewater; and 15-year-old Robert Argasinski of Cranford plays the piano. All five of these phenomenal

young people edged out the many who auditioned, so do not miss this opportunity to hear the future of classical music.

There is ample free, secure parking in church lot (entrance on 1st Place - connected to church by walkway). Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students. There will be a light reception immediately following the concert. For more information call (908) 756-2468 or visit [www.crescentconcerts.org](http://www.crescentconcerts.org) for more information about this and upcoming concerts.

## Poetry Series Features Three Writers at Feb. Program

FANWOOD—The Carriage House Poetry Series in Fanwood will present readings by three distinguished poets on Tuesday, February 17. The free poetry performances by Jill Stein, John Barrale and Loren Kleinman will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in the Patricia Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road, off North Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall (GPS use 75 N. Martine Avenue).

Jill Stein is a psychotherapist and mother of two children living in Princeton. Her poems have been published in *Poetry Northwest*, *Seattle Review*, *US1 Worksheets*, *Nebraska Review*, *Rattle*, *West Branch*, *Sojourner* and other magazines. She has received three grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Her poetry collections include: "Cautionary Tales" (Finishing Line Press) and "Steeplechase" (Main Street Rag). Ms. Stein has mobility problems due to multiple sclerosis and she incorporates this into her work.

John Barrale is a native New Yorker who has lived in New Jersey since 1978. He is a founding member of the Red Wheel Barrow Poetry Workshop in Rutherford. Mr. Barrale has had work published in the *Journal of New Jersey Poets*, *Lullwater Review*, *California Quarterly*, the *Paterson Literary Review*, and the "Rutherford Red

Wheel Barrow Poets" anthologies. His collection of poems, "Shakespeare's Moths," was published by White Chicken Press in 2012.

Loren Kleinman, a graduate of Drew University, has a Master's from the England's University of Sussex. She is a faculty member at New York Writers Workshop. Her interviews with authors appear in *IndieReader.com*, *USA Today*, and *The Huffington Post*. Ms. Kleinman's poetry collections include: "Flamenco Sketches" (Spire Press), "The Dark Cave Between My Ribs" (Winter Goose Publishing), and "Breakable Things" (Winter Goose). She co-founded National Translation Month, which is celebrated each February.

The Carriage House Poetry Series is currently in its seventeenth year at the Kuran Arts Center, an historic Gothic Revival structure that was once a 19th century carriage house, hence the name of the series. The Feb. 17th reading is free and open to the public. An open mic reading with local poets will follow the featured performance.

For more information call (908) 889-7223 or (908) 889-5298. For online directions and information, visit [carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com](http://carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com).

## FUMC Brown-bag Recitals Continue With Piano-4 Hands

WESTFIELD—Live music at noon in a busy community like Westfield can be a most relaxing way to spend all or part of a lunch hour. Shoppers, business people and those merely strolling past many downtown shops are invited to the next brown-bag noon time recital on Wednesday, February 11, at Westfield's First United Methodist Church located at One East Broad Street (on the plaza). Featured will be well-known keyboard artists Ronald W. Thayer and Edwin Lopez.

Those attending are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch or snack. Bottled water will be provided. A suggested donation of \$7 will benefit the restoration fund currently underway to refurbish and restore the church's grand Aeolian-Skinner chancel organ which is nearly 60 years old. A premier example of American organ building, this organ along with the independent Möller gallery organ located high up in the rear of the church, have hosted many notable organists in concerts over many decades. Unique in the Westfield area, these organs, each with its own console, can be simultaneously played by one or two organists.

Messrs Thayer and Lopez will delight listeners with the music of Gabriel Fauré, Claude Debussy and George Gershwin. Included will be Fauré's "Masques et Bergamasques, Op. 112, Debussy's "Danse Sacrée et Profane" and "Danse (Tarantelle styrienne)" and Gershwin's "Variations on 'I've Got Rhythm'."

Mr. Thayer, pianist, organist and choral conductor has performed as ensemble pianist with Mr. Lopez for over 25 years when they have researched and performed many neglected works for piano duo and piano duet. For 17 years, he was organist and Director of Sacred Music at

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield where he also conducted the Crescent Chorale and Crescent Singers in most of the major choral repertoire and lesser-known choral/orchestral works. He recently performed the Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony No. 3 under Maestro Charles Prince and played the organ part in the world premiere of Monsignor Marco Frisina's "Sinfonia" under the composer's baton with the Plainfield Symphony.

Mr. Lopez is currently the Director of Sacred Music and organist at St. John the Evangelist Church in Dunellen. He began playing piano at age four and played before public audiences by age nine, making his orchestral debut at age eleven with both the Grieg and Liszt piano concertos. Lopez has composed many works including a string quartet, a marimba concerto and fantasy for three pianos. He currently performs lesser-known works for piano and orchestra including those by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, Felix Mendelssohn, Lucrecia Kasilag and Reynaldo Hahn.

The next notable full length music program to take place at FUMC-Westfield will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, when the Oratorio Singers of Westfield, soloists and orchestra under the direction of Trent Johnson will present Mozart's popular "Requiem" and Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata BWV 80, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" (A mighty Fortress is our God). This event will celebrate the 35th year of annual concerts presented by the Oratorio Singers.

For information regarding concerts contact the church office at (908) 233-4211 daily from noon to 4 p.m.

## Rockin' Jazz Band Appeals To Musicians and Audiences

WESTFIELD—"The members of the Rockin' Jazz Band are so upbeat and show such spirit and energy when they play," commented a local Westfield resident, who has often heard the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Rockin' Jazz Band perform. She continued that "At the street fairs, adults and children alike respond enthusiastically to their music, some even dance in the streets."

The spirited feeling is also exhibited by Caryn Feder, who is delighted to have been named Rockin' Jazz Band director.

Ms. Feder, a certified music teacher who holds a BA in Music Education from the College of New Jersey and an MA in Music performance from Five Towns College, states that she takes a rhythmic approach to teaching and has great plans for this year's RJB.

Membership in this intergenerational band is open to area musicians who play alto, tenor or baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, electric or bass guitar, drum set, percussion and piano. Vocalists are also welcome. Some experience in jazz band playing is preferred, such as participation in a school band or community group.

The Rockin' Jazz Band, which is available to play at community events, private parties and special occasions, meets on Saturdays at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts studios from 3 to 4:30 p.m. For more information about the group, or any program of the NJWA, visit their studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield, phone (908) 789-9696 or log on to [www.njworkshopforthearts.com](http://www.njworkshopforthearts.com).

## Seniors Invited to See The Wizard of Oz

MOUNTAINSIDE – Senior citizens are invited to a free presentation of *The Wizard of Oz*, performed by the Deerfield School students, which will take place on Thursday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Seniors are also invited to a 4:30 p.m. pre-performance reception of desserts, coffee, and tea, sponsored by the Mountainside Education Association and served by the local Girl Scout Troops.

Interested seniors are asked to RSVP to Kate Le Baut at (908) 789-0365 no later than Thursday, February 26. Then, just follow the yellow brick road, over the rainbow, to Deerfield School.



**SHINING STARS...**The cast performs the finale of *Shine*, the 68th annual Washington School Players performance this past weekend.

## Musical Club of Westfield Offers Free Concert

WESTFIELD—The Musical Club of Westfield invites the public to its free afternoon concert program to be held at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St. on Wednesday, February 11.

The concert will begin at 1:30 p.m. and feature a varied program performed by club members and guest artists. Debbie Parente-Rosin and Beverly Shea will play Piano Four-Hands selections from the Holberg Suite, Op.40 by Edvard Grieg, the *Praeludium*, *Gavotte* and *Rigaudon*.

Karen Massey, Soprano and F. Allen Artz III, Piano will present a variety of pieces for soprano and piano: *Vergin Tutto Amor* by Francesco Durante, *Porgi, Amor* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Widmung* by Robert Schumann, *The Black Swan* by Gian Carlo Menotti, *Appels un rêve* by Gabriel Fauré and *Alléluia* from *Exsultate* Jubilate by

Mozart.

The program will conclude with F. Allen Artz III, Organ offering *Prelude and Fugue in A Major*, BWV 536 by Johann Sebastian Bach *Air for the G String* (from Suite in D) by Johann Sebastian Bach, *Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons* by Maurice Duruflé

The audience is invited to a reception after the program to meet the performers.

The Musical Club of Westfield is a 501(c)3 organization now in its 99th season, and offers scholarships to promising young musicians who are pursuing a musical education. Membership in the club is open to anyone who is interested in music. Those wishing information about membership in the Musical Club of Westfield as a performer or an associate member may visit our website at [www.musicalclubofwestfield.org](http://www.musicalclubofwestfield.org).

## Majestic Winds to Perform At Green Lane YM-YWHA

UNION – Majestic Winds, the professional wind band of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA), will present a winter concert at the YM-YMHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane, Union, on Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble will be directed by Howard Toplansky, an NJWA staff instrumental instructor.

"Our musical offerings are geared to please a variety of musical tastes and range from Renaissance to Ragtime favorites," stated Mr. Toplansky.

Peter Schmolle Overture by Carl Maria von Weber, Highlights from *Take Me Along* by Robert Merrill and *Toujours ou Jemais* Waltz by Emil Waldteufel will be the main selections on the first half of the concert. *Reverie* by Claude Debussy will also be featured on this program. Several fine marches will also be performed which include *Men of Ohio* by Henry Fillmore and *Keeping Step* with the Union by John Philip Sousa. Rounding out this concert will be *Fashion Rag* by Charles Cohen and *Ballet Song* by Frank Erickson.

A special offering on this concert is *Rumba* by Mark Strimovskiy. The composer, a trumpeter and member of Majestic Winds has composed many excellent pieces for band, several of which have been performed by Majestic Winds.

Mr. Strimovskiy was formerly a 28 year member of the Soviet Ministry of Defense Band in Kiev and has also performed with the elite Red Army Band in Moscow. For this concert Mr. Strimovskiy will

conduct his own composition which will give great authenticity to this performance of his *Rumba*.

This event is open to the public. Admission is free for Y members and \$3 for non-members. Contributions will be gratefully accepted. For additional information about NJWA or Majestic Winds, call (908) 789-9696 or email [njwband@att.net](mailto:njwband@att.net).

## Mandela: Apartheid to Die For to be Performed

ELIZABETH – United Youth of New Jersey (UYNJ), a non-profit youth organization based in Elizabeth and the Pan African Student Union will present a Black History Play, *Mandela: Apartheid, To Die For*, on Saturday, February 7 inside the Wilkins Theater on the Campus of Kean University in Union. The play will begin at 2 p.m.

The play, written and produced by Charlotte and Kenny Brown, founders of UYNJ, tells the story of Nelson Mandela, the former President of South Africa who became known and respected all over the world as a symbol of the struggle against apartheid and all forms of racism.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, students with I.D., and children under the age of 18. Admission is free for children 5 years of age and younger.

For ticket information please check out the United Youth of New Jersey website at [www.unitedyouthofnj.org](http://www.unitedyouthofnj.org), or call (908) 220-5279.

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## Arts & Entertainment



**SCHOOL SPIRIT...**Performing Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off" the Washington School Players brought down the house with their cheerleader routine.

### Volunteers Needed for Union County Teen Arts Festival Scheduled for March

COUNTY –The Union County Teen Arts Festival provides an opportunity for volunteers to get involved with artists, teachers and students. The event is held annually at Union County College in Cranford and is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

This year's Teen Arts Festival is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 19 and March 20. The event is open to all students from public, charter, private and parochial middle and high schools in Union County.

"Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations. We appreciate the invaluable assistance of our county residents with this exciting program," said Freeholder Chairman Mohamed Jalloh.

If you are interested in any of these activities, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202. Telephone: (908) 558-2550; NJ Relay Users call 711. Or e-mail us at: culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

### Washington School Players' Shine Performance Sparkles with Energy

**By CHRISTIE STORMS**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

WESTFIELD — What happens when conflicting student cliques have to rally together to win a talent competition because an important moustache goes missing? The Washington School Players answered that question with humor and one of their most energetic performances yet as they presented their 68th annual production, *Shine*, in the Roosevelt School auditorium last weekend.

Think "The Breakfast Club" meets "American Idol" meets "So You Think You Can Dance."

"It's about team spirit and respecting the differences in other people," said Phil Leary, who wrote this year's script after previously directing the show for two years.

Mr. Leary also portrayed Teddy Mercury, whose resemblance to the late lead singer of Queen didn't end there. He was the fictitious Washington School's best singer and convinced all his musical talent was derived from his fake moustache.

Granted, it did help him belt out an entertaining version of "Bohemian Rhapsody" along with several cast members, all holding the prerequisite flashlights under their chins.

With Teddy's talent and the ensemble's enjoyable song and dance numbers, including an impressive kickline by principal Andrew Perry and the real Washington School's teachers to Pharell Williams' "Happy," it looked like the school was sure to win the Shine reality show competition.

However, evil lurked (and cackled marvelously) with the appearance of Ella Burgermeister (Jodie Lee Labbate). It was she who stole Teddy's moustache while touting her own East Hills School students' abilities and vying for the prize.

Host Fred Fontaine (Mark Parmelee) certainly seemed to savor the close scores between the rivaling schools and may have rattled off rules in rhyme even quicker than his namesake Vince did in the movie, "Grease."

With another nod to the famous musical, this year's couples' number was an authentic take on the "Hand Jive," complete with snapping, clapping, and acrobatics down center stage.

Then there was the well choreographed tap dancing and two-stepping, and the audience waiting in eager anticipation to see if Washington School would win the judges' votes.

Not an easy thing to do, considering judge Simon Bowell (Kevin Vedder) bore an eerie resemblance to the black tee-wearing "American Idol" judge known for his inability to be impressed by anyone ever. It didn't help that his vain co-judges Heidi Vrum (Julie Shanebrook) and Francesca Tonioli (Katie Garguilo) scored entries based on ridiculous (read: egocentric) reasoning.

With Teddy refusing to perform sans moustache, all the hope for a Washington win rested on the pumped-up shoulders of the school's male athletes...the same ones who had been making fun of other kids throughout.

Fortunately, the guys were able to bring down the house with their hyper energetic performance of Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off" dressed as cheerleaders.

Never mind the pom-poms flying and the usual hilarity that is grown men attempting a kickline, what had the crowd roaring happened after the curtain closed for their encore. It reopened to their having assembled themselves in cheerleader pyramids, complete with a leap off the top a la Ms. Swift's music video. Even Mr. Bowell had to concede Washington School deserved the prize.

In addition to the delightful onstage performances, the talented band played their part in the magic. After intermission and a terrific saxophone introduction by Greg Salmon, singer Danielle Michaeli accompanied them with a powerful vocal rendition of the Disney movie "Frozen" favorite, "Let It Go."

According to Mr. Leary, this was the last year for both long-time music directors, Steve Little and Brad Schaeffer.

Mr. Little told *The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* he has been with the band for the past 12 years.

"I'm sad, but I also do think it's time for me to go," he said.

Mr. Little spoke about some of his favorite memories through the years, including past renditions of "Jessica" and "Stiff Upper Lip."

Mr. Leary discussed the unfortunate timing of the blizzard (or lack thereof), which caused rehearsal cancellations just days before the show opened. He expressed gratitude for Roosevelt School offering to remain open last Monday, but the cast decided it might be too dangerous to venture out.

Despite the threatening winter weather, Mr. Leary explained he is glad the show runs at this time of year.

"January is usually the doldrums, but this perks you up," he said. "It's nice to get involved and see the same people every year. It's really a social event...Now I'm going to hate the first couple weeks of February."

*Shine* was directed by Janette Hausler and Sheila Wiggins, and produced by Robyn Ives, Ray Garguilo, Matthew Droskoski and Lani Lipkind.

A "treasured" annual tradition since 1948 and still the school's largest fundraiser, the show is always entirely written, directed, performed and produced by Washington School parents and staff. The PTO will determine how to best use the proceeds to benefit students.

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***GOZDIESKI NIPS THOMPSONS, MURRAY GETS 130TH CAREER WIN, SCORESE EDGES FULLER***

## Cranford Cougars Pounce on Blue Devils in Wrestling, 52-13

By DAVID B. CORBIN

*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Blue Devil junior Jarek Gozdieski pulled out a key victory and senior Gavin Murray made Cranford High School history as the visiting Cougars defeated Westfield, 52-13, on January 30. The 13-1 Cougars had their hands raised in 11 of the 14 bouts.

Gozdieski, who dropped a 3-1 decision to Cougar Andrew Tompkins in the Union County Tournament (UCT) semifinals at

160-lbs, scored a takedown in the third overtime (OT) to grab a 4-3 decision, this time in the 170-lb class. Tompkins had placed second in the UCT, while Gozdieski placed third, so the victory could have serious seeding implications for the upcoming District 11 Tournament scheduled for February 20-21 in Westfield.

"That was a very smart match. He kept the pace going the whole time. He stayed on the attack. He was aggressive. Tompkins is pretty explosive. He got in on a

couple of nice shots and Jarek defended really well. He's just a hardworking kid, who got what he deserved," Blue Devil Head Coach Glen Kurz said.

After a standing first period, Gozdieski escaped in the second. Tompkins scored a reversal in the third but Gozdieski escaped and nearly added a potential winning takedown but the bout went into OT. Gozdieski just missed another takedown in the first OT, but after a scoreless second OT, Tompkins escaped but Gozdieski got the winning takedown just seconds before the buzzer.

"I was frustrated a little bit, but I knew it was getting easier and easier to shoot on him. As the

match went on, I knew his defense was breaking down and eventually I would be able to get a takedown," Gozdieski said.

"He came close, he came close, he came close, but he just stayed with his game plan," Coach Kurz said.

Gozdieski did, however, notice

that Tompkins was mentally tiring as the bout continued.

"Westfield tries to break our opponents. Good conditioning can do that. I could still go for another two periods and it looked like he was pretty much done," Gozdieski said. "It's a great feeling."

Murray earned his 130th career win, passing Joe Giaccio's 129 (2011) when he pinned Kevin Miller in 1:20 with an arm bar/half nelson at 152-lbs.

"I knew it was on the line. I was kind of excited, so I went out and got the fall for the team. I got the win record for Cranford High School. I feel honored. I had good coaches all four years. They were brand new when I was a freshman, so it's pretty cool to do it along with them and to

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**\*\* Cranford Cougars Pounce on Westfield Blue Devils in Wrestling, 52-13 \*\***

know that I am ahead of some of these tough competitors from Cranford," Murray said.

Murray, however, is not done

with accomplishing additional goals.

"When I was in eighth grade, my dad and I talked goals I

wanted to achieve in high school and this was one. State title is another, so I have to do that one now. I am excited for it," Murray said.

Another closely observed bout was between Cougar Chris Scorese and John Fuller at 126-lbs. Scorese had defeated Fuller, 7-1, for the UCT title but this bout was much closer. After Scorese recorded a low single leg takedown and an escape, Fuller escaped and made several close takedown attempts but Scorese held on to win, 3-1.

"It was definitely a lot closer than counties. I got the takedown again. It was close at the end. He almost took me down, but I kept on wrestling. He was definitely more defensive, because he knew I was coming in for a low outside shot. So I had to work my setups more, because I wasn't going to get it by shooting in. I was hand fighting and set it up a lot bet-

ter," Scorese said.

The first bout of the evening (220-lbs) had Blue Devil Cotter Spurlock recording a five-point double leg to back takedown and adding a nearfall and another takedown to record a 10-1, major decision. Cougar Kevin Doran received a forfeit at heavyweight then Cougar Anthony Capece recorded a takedown and a reversal to top Chris Hoerle, 4-1, at 106-lbs.

At 113-lbs, Blue Devil Zach Rabinowitz performed a barrel roll to a front arm bar to pin Jake Quinn at the buzzer to end the first period. Cougar Tom DiGiovanni (120-lbs) recorded five takedowns and a reversal to earn a 12-4, major decision over Dan Hoerle. Cougar Vince Concina used a Turk Ride and a Jacob's Hook to pin Al Dente in 1:12 at 132-lbs. Cougar Dave Busch (138-lbs) pinned Brian Bass in 4:53 with a double arm

bar walkover then Brian McGovern (145-lbs) used a Turk Ride to a head smother to pin Ben Kwok in 1:34.

Cougar Josh DeChillo (160-lbs) recorded an 8-3 decision over Doug Smith, Niko Cappello received a forfeit at 182-lbs and Nick Ballas recorded a double leg lift takedown and an escape to defeat Blue Devil Phil Ricca, 3-1, at 195-lbs.

**BOUT SEQUENCE:**

- 220: — Spurlock (W) md Esposito, 10-1
- Hwt: — Doran (C) won forfeit
- 106: — Capece (C) d Hoerle, 4-1
- 113: — Rabinowitz (W) p Quinn, 2:00
- 120: — DiGiovanni (C) md Hoerle, 12-4
- 126: — Scorese (C) d Fuller, 3-1
- 132: — Concina (C) p Dente, 1:12
- 138: — Busch (C) p Bass, 4:53
- 145: — McGovern (C) p Kwok, 1:34
- 152: — Murray (C) p Miller, 1:20
- 160: — DeChillo (C) d Smith, 8-3
- 170: — Gozdieski (W) d Tompkins, 4-3, 3 OT
- 182: — Cappello (C) won forfeit
- 195: — Ballas (C) d Ricca, 3-1







**\*\* Cranford Cougars Pounce on Westfield Blue Devils in Wrestling, 52-13 \*\***







**\*\* Cranford Cougars Control Boards in 66-49 Victory over Raider Cagers \*\***







**\*\* Union Farmers 'Tower' over SPF Raider Basketball Boys, 69-39 \*\***





# Garwood Planning Board Okays Fourth Ave. Townhouse Devel.

By BRIAN TRUDELLE

*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

**GARWOOD** – The planning board has unanimously approved the site plan for a nine-townhome development off Fourth Avenue at the end of Walnut Street, essentially clearing the way for construction to begin.

The proposal was given the okay despite a deluge of complaints from residents that outnumbered defenders by a better than four-to-one margin. The project still needs building permits and faces a pending legal challenge.

After handouts were distributed to nearly every home on the north side of town in the week preceding, the Borough Hall meeting room was standing-room only for the January 28 hearing, with more than a dozen people rising to urge the board to reject the plan.

Traffic, size, noise, aesthetics and the appearance of political corruption were among the many reasons given for voting against the proposal. However, Board Attorney Donald Fraser, along with a few members of the board, somewhat sheepishly, pointed out that those issues were discussed and dismissed when the board approved a use variance – and five other waivers – in May for property owners Angela and Sandro Villaraut.

The variance allowed the Villarauts to proceed with their project for the property, which had been previously approved for three single-family homes.

Board member Craig McCarrick, who attended the May meeting as an alternate but was not permitted to vote, indicated the outpouring of interest and input from the public would have been more

influential eight months earlier. However, he voted with Vice-Chairwoman Kathleen Villaggio, former Mayor Pat Quattrocchi, Michael Vena, Gene Jannotti and Paul Tarantino to okay the site plan in a 6-0 vote.

Ms. Villaggio, Mr. Vena and Mr. Jannotti voted for the use variance in May.

Robert Scherer, one of two members to vote against the use variance, abstained after once more expressing his displeasure with the project but acknowledged that the site plan, not the variance, was before the board.

Three of the four plaintiffs who have filed suit in New Jersey Superior Court contesting the May decision, including *Westfield Leader* Publisher Horace Corbin, spoke out against the project.

Board member Bruce Paterson – the lead plaintiff who voted against the variances and recused himself from further discussion on the project – gave the most impassioned critique, speaking for more than 20 minutes.

He claimed the board members were “inattentive” when approving the use variance, charging the Villarauts never proved why they could not conform to the single-family zoning ordinance for the area.

Ileen Cuccaro, a licensed real estate agent who was an alternate board member last year and also is a plaintiff in the lawsuit, read a prepared statement that also harshly criticized the board.

She noted the history of the property, which included mentioning the previous owners who tried a similar proposal but were rejected, leading to the three-house determination. She accused the board of rank unfair-

ness, denying the Hidi family its project but allowing this one. It was a sentiment echoed by Borough Councilman Jim Mathieu, who said a perception existed within the community that the Villarauts were politically connected and that is why their project was approved.

“Rightly or wrongly, that is the view in the community, a cynical view, and with a vote yes, you feed that cynicism,” he said.

A few people in the audience did speak in favor of the project, including Garwood Board of Education Vice-President Linda Groning and Terry Brown of East Street, who called it a “huge benefit” to the borough.

A potential snafu was brought before the board when Mr. McCarrick noticed the site plans included second-floor terraces that extended 10 feet from the foundation off the back of the townhomes to within five feet of the property line.

A borough ordinance would require those decks to be at least 10.3 feet – or 10 percent of the width of the property, 103 feet – from the line. Several board members exchanged puzzled glances when Mr. McCarrick asked if a variance for that requirement was sought and achieved in May.

The issue was defused when the Villarauts agreed to limit the terraces, which architect Glenn Potter said at the January 14 meeting would not be removed, to 4.7 feet.

The matter likely next goes before New Jersey Superior Court Judge Karen Cassidy, who has scheduled a case management conference between the opposing attorneys in the case for Tuesday, February 24.

## Local Letter to the Editor

### Garwood Planning Board Blunders, This is Not North or South Ave.

*Editor's Note: The following statement was read at Wednesday's Garwood Planning Board meeting concerning the application for nine townhomes on Fourth Avenue.*

For 20 years the Hidi Family and executors of their estate have been trying to sell this property, and for 20 years have been denied by the Planning Board. Everything had been presented from single-family homes to townhomes. The family had incurred upward of almost \$700,000 for legal fees and every kind of study known to man. In that time frame two siblings have passed away, and still they kept trying. About 10 years ago there was an application by another developer for 16 townhomes, now mind you this was a greater number than approved for this applicant, and that is what the Planning Board stated that the density was too great, the only omission made is that this was for the Hidi property as well as the one next door at 490 Fourth Avenue. Nearly double the property size.

To make a long story short, that developer sued the town. As determined in court, “The town prevailed in that lawsuit, as the stated reason for them denying that applicant was this is a single-family residential zone and townhomes did not belong there”

Fast forward to 2011. The Hidi family at the end of their rope, out of resources, anxious to settle the estate, once again sought relief to build anything allowed. At long last the Planning Board approved three single-family homes to be perfect for that property.

The description even stated the

town has approved three homes to be built. At the first part of this application I asked multiple times, “What happened to the three homes that were approved? Other people asked the same question. It was never answered.

This application sought multiple bulk variances including a use variance. A use variance is the hardest variance for a town to approve, as you must prove undue hardship in seeking this relief and proving that you cannot build what the zoning permits.

As this was already approved for three homes and meets the zoning requirements in a single-family residential zone, the use variance should not have been approved. But in one night the Planning Board approved all variances. Even going so far as to extend the meeting to allow this to be voted on in one night.

As is also customary and done in every other application, the town's engineer is supposed to submit a review letter, of which he submitted nothing.

One of the Planning Board members gave a yes vote because they liked the material the builder was using. This is certainly not the proper use variance vote as material being used is irrelevant.

Another board member stated that they were not aware of the history of this property.

Even though this is the second part of the application, and all the statements I make are after the fact, I wanted the folks to know that this property has a very long history. And going forward will set precedence over the rest of the neighborhood. This is not North and South Av-

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*Letter to the Editor*

enue — it is 4th Avenue, a single-family residential zone.

Going forward there are more parcels of property along that part of fourth that also have very deep lots. What is to stop more homeowners from combining their property and selling to another developer and putting more townhomes in this neighborhood.

There is nothing to stop it as the town has already set the precedence for next time. What would be the rational for turning that down?

The township over the last 10 to 15 years has been over developing and approving applications with inadequate parking with no inherent benefit to the residents. Turning our small town into a free parking lot for out of town commuters, more traffic, and crowded roads and this is just the continuance of that. When will it stop? A town this size cannot absorb it and the residents do not like it!

This is not North or South Avenue that could stand some smart development, but a single-family residential zone, and by the first part of this approval the Planning Board in one short night voted to change the entire flavor of this neighborhood!

It is the responsibility of the Planning Board to see that applicants conform to the town zoning and Master Plan in seeking variances, not for them to vote to change them for one applicant.

They should also be consistent in their approvals so one does not feel unfair advantage is given for one, when so many have previously been turned down.

Three single-family homes were approved already, would fit in with the neighborhood, and adhere with the zoning and Master Plan. Townhomes were not approved 10 years ago and should not have been approved now!

Ileen "Bocchino" Cuccaro  
Garwood

## Community Center Taking Appts For Tax Counseling

CRANFORD — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), is accepting appointments for free tax assistance. Cranford and Garwood taxpayers can call the Recreation and Parks Department at (908) 709-7283 to reserve a time slot time with a tax practitioner.

Hourly appointments are being made on either Mondays or Fridays beginning tomorrow, Friday, February 6, from noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. All appointments will be at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue, in Room 204. The last appointment to receive tax assistance will be Monday, April 13. No appointments will be made on Monday, February 16 (Presidents' Day), and Friday, April 3 (Good Friday), as the Community Center

will be closed.

This service is for residents of Cranford and Garwood, and is geared to senior citizens and area residents with low to moderate income. Filing assistance is provided for Federal and New Jersey State income tax returns, and the Property Tax Reimbursement Program (PTR 1 and 2). Federal and State returns are filed electronically.

Participants should bring the following information: copies of Federal and State returns for 2013 along with 2014 wages, interest, dividends, capital gains, Social Security, etc. (forms 1099, 1099R, 1099B-W2 and SSA), and their property tax bill (2014). Individuals also are asked to bring a form of identification and, if requesting direct deposit or payment, to bring a blank check showing account number and routing number.

## Nina Et Cetera Band Due At Garwood Library

GARWOOD — The band Nina Et Cetera will perform at the Garwood Public Library on Thursday, February 26, at 7 p.m.

Nina Romano, front-woman for the band, is a singer-songwriter from Sayville, N.Y. whose influences are Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, Dusty Springfield, Johnny Cash and The Velvet Underground. Ms. Romano is a virtuoso on guitars, vocals, piano, harmonica, auto-harp, lap-steel and synthesizer. Her band has performed live throughout Long Island and the tri-state area, doing three or four shows per

week over the past summer.

The program will feature the love songs of Johnny Cash, the Carter Family, Patsy Cline, Elvis Presley, Peggy Lee, Hank Williams and much more. Registration is required for this event and may be done in person at the library, by calling (908) 789-1670 or at the library's interactive calendar found on its website, [youseemore.com/garwood](http://youseemore.com/garwood).

The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street. Hours of business are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

*Probitas Verus Honos*

## UCC Pres. McMenamin Named Grand Marshal of St. Patrick's Day Parade

CRANFORD — The 2015 Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee has announced that Union County College President Margaret M. McMenamin of Springfield has been named grand marshal of the 19th annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Ms. McMenamin has been involved with the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade for many years. She is also active in several education and community organizations.

"I am deeply grateful to have been selected for this great honor as grand marshal for Union County's St. Patrick's Day Parade," Ms. McMenamin said. "I am proud of my Irish heritage and deeply respect the responsibilities associated with the title conferred upon me as grand marshal."

Ms. McMenamin traces her Irish roots to the farmlands of Counties Donegal, Mayo and Sligo in Ireland.

"We are honored to have an

individual of the caliber and integrity of Dr. McMenamin as our grand marshal," Parade General Chairman Tony Brennan said.

"We are proud to have her lead us in the 19th annual parade."

The parade-day march down Morris Avenue will be a homecoming for the McMenamin family and for Union County College.

"We'll have more than a hundred UCC students joining us, as they do every year," Ms. McMenamin said. "We'll also

have a dozen of my college colleagues joining me as well as many members of the McMenamin clan, including my 97-year-old mother Elizabeth."

Ms. McMenamin will be officially installed as grand marshal this Saturday, February 7 at 2:30 p.m. during the parade committee's annual Investiture Mass at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church located at 541 Washington Avenue in Kenilworth.

A reception for the grand marshal will follow at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, located at 33 South 21st Street.

The parade will step off at 1 p.m. sharp on Saturday, March 14, on Morris Avenue in Union.

For more information about the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, please visit [www.unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com](http://www.unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com).



Margaret McMenamin

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# Iraq Vet Visits Cranford; Sees Rededicated Flagpole

CRANFORD — Michael P. Smith, a native of Johnstown, Pa. and a 2006 West Point Military Academy graduate, recently visited Cranford for the first time to spend time with his aunt, Cranford resident Barbara Krause. One thing he was anxious to see in town was the World War I flagpole at Post Office Plaza.

While Mr. Smith was serving in Iraq, Mrs. Krause was serving on the Cranford Flagpole Restoration Committee, which was charged with raising the funds in 2007-2008 to restore the Town Flagpole. It had been removed several years earlier and had fallen into major disrepair after being erected in 1918 during World War I to honor the U.S. military.

Flag Committee member Paul LaCorte donated a nine-foot by 12-foot flag that was shipped to then-Lieutenant Smith, who arranged for the flag to be flown at Mosul, Iraq, where he was stationed in the Army. He then had it shipped back to Cranford to be flown for the "Rededication Cer-

emony" of the restored flagpole on November 8, 2008. Lt. Smith's aunt had his name honored on the bronze plaque at the base of the pole, as are the other donors and memorials. After five years of service, Mr. Smith left the military with the rank of captain and is now a third-year law student at Georgetown University Law School.

The flag was accompanied from Iraq by a certificate with seal stating, "This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Team Headquarters in Mosul, Iraq on October 26, 2008 to honor those who have served and sacrificed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This flag is proudly presented to the citizens of Cranford, New Jersey to commemorate the Original 1918 Flagpole."



## Concordia Releases Fall Honors List

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Concordia University Ann Arbor officials released the Fall Honors List for the first semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Among the area students named to the list is senior Ryan Bjellquist-Ledger of Garwood.

Founded in 1963, Concordia University Ann Arbor is affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The school is located on 187 acres alongside the Huron River.

## Cranford Library Sets Valentine's Day Party

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library will host a Valentine's Day Dance Party on Saturday, February 14, beginning at 11 a.m., in the library's Raddin Room. Children and their families are invited to create some simple crafts and dance to some kid-friendly tunes.

Registration is not required for this event. Admission is free and all Cranford residents are welcome. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. For a list of other upcoming programs, visit the library's web page at [cranford.com](http://cranford.com).



**HONORING OUR COUNTRY...Barbara Krause of Cranford and her nephew, Michael Smith of Johnstown, Pa., stand at the base of the World War I flagpole at Post Office Plaza in Cranford. While serving in the U.S. Army, Mr. Smith arranged to have an American flag flown at the State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Team Headquarters in Mosul, Iraq, and then shipped back to Cranford to be flown for the "Rededication Ceremony" of the restored flagpole on November 8, 2008. Mr. Smith and his aunt stopped by the flagpole site during Mr. Smith's recent visit to Cranford.**

## Floraphile to Learn About Rain Gardens

CRANFORD — The Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford will meet on Tuesday, February 17, when members will be joined by a speaker from the "My Green Cranford" organization for a presentation on rain gardens.

Participants will learn how these gardens can help create a safer, cleaner, more livable community. The meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Guests are welcome.

Anyone interested in joining the Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford or obtaining more information on upcoming events may contact Mary Ellen at [mecrafts@verizon.net](mailto:mecrafts@verizon.net), or like the club on Facebook at [facebook.com/floraphilegardenclub](http://facebook.com/floraphilegardenclub).

## Valentine Story Time Open to Youngsters

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library and Cranford Newcomers will pair up to present a special Valentine's Day Story Time on Thursday, February 12, at 3:30 p.m., in the library's Raddin Room.

Participants will share stories, sing songs and color pictures to be donated to those in need of a little cheer. Drawings will be donated to Color a Smile, a non-profit organization that distributes handmade art to "senior citizens, troops overseas, and anyone in need of a smile!"

All children who are old enough to color are welcome at this program. No registration is required. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. For a list of other upcoming programs, visit the library web page at [cranford.com](http://cranford.com).

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## Flea Market, Collectibles To Be Featured Feb. 14

CLARK — A Flea Market and Collectible Show will take place on Saturday, February 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., indoors and outdoors, at Arthur L. Johnson High School, located at 365 Westfield Avenue, off Raritan Road, Clark. Admission will be free.

Sponsored by the ALJHS Alumni Association, the event will feature more than 50 exhibitors displaying an array of quality merchandise such as oil and incense, handbags, sports collectibles, jewelry for all ages, clothing, dollar items, gift items, gloves and scarves, toys, perfumes, antiques and collectibles and garage/tag sale items, all at bargain prices. Food also will be available for purchase.

JC Promotions is offering four free spaces to any school organization wishing to participate by having an exhibitor space to sell their items and/or promote their club. To reserve one of the spaces, or for more information about the event, contact JC Promotions at (201) 998-1144 or [events@jcpromotions.info](mailto:events@jcpromotions.info).

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**CRANFORD JAYCEES...Shown here is a "big check" for \$13,000 that the Jaycees donated to the Cranford First Aid Squad. The fundraising event was hosted by Union County College in October to support local charities. Pictured above are: UCC President Margaret McMenamin (left), Cranford Junior Chamber graduates from Union County College's EMT program -- Jason Cruz (third from left) and Kruti Brahmabhatt (second from right) -- who are working EMTs for the Squad.**

## Wednesday Morning Club Reveals Upcoming Activities

CRANFORD — Although the next business meeting of the Wednesday Morning Club is not until March 4, members are keeping busy with department events.

Bernie Wagenblast will be the guest speaker when the Public Affairs Department meets on Tuesday, February 10, at 1 p.m., at the home of Marie Mastorakis. Mr. Wagenblast serves as the voice for various transportation facilities, including AirTrain Newark, AirTrain JFK and the New York City Transit Authority. He was the announcer on July 4, 2004 during the laying of the cornerstone at the Freedom Tower at the World Trade Center site.

The Literature Department will meet in the home of Dot Conheeny on Monday, February 23, at 1 p.m. Two books will be reviewed and discussed: Tom Ryan's "Following Atticus" and Simon Mawer's "Trapeze."

The March 4 meeting will take

place in the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue, starting with a board meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by the business meeting at 10 a.m. Co-Presidents Dot Conheeny and Barbara Jackson will preside. The Literature Department will present the program.

Coming on Wednesday, March 18, members will meet at 1 p.m. at Kilkenny House, where they will hear about "Barry's Journey to America."

The Wednesday Morning Club is geared toward mature women who live in Union County and who have recently retired or left the workplace and are seeking new activities. Participants get together several times a month to exchange ideas and explore areas of interest in the arts, literature and public affairs. For more information or to attend a meeting, call Diane Hickey at (908) 272-8665.

## Carino Graduates From Technical Institute

EXTON, Pa. — Cranford native Brian Carino was recognized for his academic achievements at his recent graduation from Universal Technical Institute in Exton, Pa., the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians.

Mr. Carino graduated from UTI's Automotive Technology Program with Ford Accelerated Credential Training with a 3.91 GPA and 100 percent attendance. He received three "Student of the Course" awards, as well as seven Directors List Awards, and was nominated into the Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society. Upon graduating, Mr. Carino will continue his education in the BMW program.

"Our students take their training very seriously," said Bob Kessler, campus president of UTI-Exton. "Often there are many sacrifices that have to be made in order to pursue their technical program. There is work, life, and school balance that must be maintained in order to successfully complete their studies at UTI. Our graduates are technical experts that are chosen by industry and ready to work."

## Bigand and Kvelin Make JMU Dean's List

HARRISONBURG, Va. —The Dean's list at James Madison University has been announced for the spring 2014 semester. Students who earn Dean's List honors must carry at least 12 credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.8.

Westfield resident, Kelley Bigand and Cranford resident Cameron Kvelin have been named on the list for the fall 2014 semester. Ms. Bigand is a Junior whose major is Theatre and Dance. Mr. Kvelin is a freshman whose major is Marketing.

## Kenilworth Hist. Soc. Plans Black History Celebration

KENILWORTH — A selection of inspiring African-American readings, music and art will highlight the Kenilworth Historical Society's Black History Month Celebration on Sunday, February 22.

The general public is invited to attend the event, which will take place at the newly restored Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center, located at 49 South 21st Street, Kenilworth.

The celebration, which is appropriate for all age groups, will begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free, but advance registration is requested by Sunday, February 15, by calling (908) 709-0434. Refreshments will be served.

The event will feature local David Brearley Middle and High School students conducting an African-American "Read-In," during which they will present a selection of inspirational poetry by various black authors. Members of the community, including multiple local churches, also will participate in the Read-In.

Additionally highlighting the celebration will be a performance of African-American spirituals sung by professional vocalists and Kenilworth resi-

dents Kerry and Betsy Stubbs, together with their children, Melody and Orion, who also are experienced performers.

In addition to bringing their musical talent to an extensive range of venues and audiences throughout the year, Kerry and Betsy Stubbs are employed as teachers — Kerry as a music instructor for the Elizabeth Public School System and Betsy as a voice instructor for Kean University and Caldwell University. The Stubbs Family Singers have been performing together for several years and specialize in "a cappella" singing. Their repertoire of spirituals celebrates the African-American contribution to American music.

During the event, participants will have the opportunity to view an exhibition of original prints that were created by South African artists who participated in an art exchange program with students from David Brearley Middle and High School under the direction of local art instructor Janice Marsili. The artwork reflects the underlying value of art in bringing about social change and in promoting cross-cultural communications.

The African-American Read-In portion of the February 22 celebration is being coordinated by Nicole Warchol of the David Brearley English/Language Arts Department in conjunction with the Twenty-Fifth National African-American Read-In sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and NCTE.

For further information, call (908) 709-0434 or visit [kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org](http://kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org).

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